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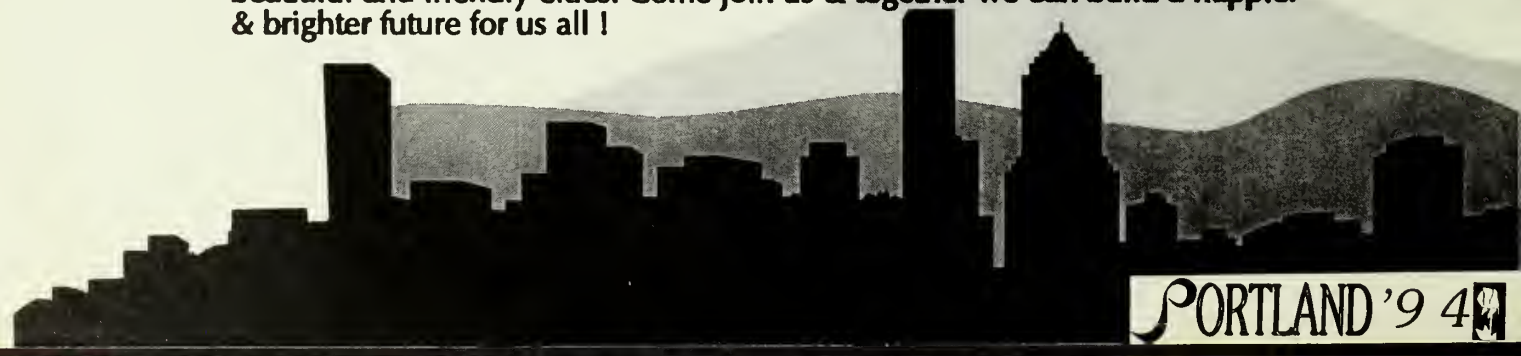

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First, some business. Whether to publish addresses along with the Personal Listings has always been a problem. The number of people asking to have their addresses removed from their listing has been increasing. We decided that the security of no address listing outweighs the inconvenience of a few days' delay for forwarding in the first cycle of letters. Better safe than sorry. We have also edited the Reference Section. We removed redundant or prolix text from the individual listings. As our base and our subscription list grow, we have the problem of keeping the back half of the magazine from swelling and displacing the front half. Perhaps down the road we will have to move to two separate publications, or continue with one magazine with a supplement, or something completely different. Stay tuned.

Now that it's all together, that which was going to be in this issue but winded up not, and which wasn't going to be and is, the one word that hits me between the eyes is judgment. There is the formal judgment in courts of law that **Marla Aspen** talks about and equal treatment before the law that **Laura Masters** treats, to the infuriating decisions to deal with the unwelcome or unpleasant realities of life that **Mary Lynne White** exposes. So many of the other articles ask, suggest, cajole or demand that we decide to decide, and having decided, to act. **Phyllis Frye** announces that she was there, and asks where everybody else was. **A. Participant** embellishes the question by telling us how it was, but the rest of us were still at home. We can take a page out of **Lois Commondenominator's** book and decide to go on a dress hunt, or use a little knowledge and a little experience as a basis to check out of reality per **Donna Mobley**. **Allison Marsh** shows how we can decide to lie while pretending to tell the truth, while **Linda Peacock** shows how to try to tell the truth while confused and ignorant. A more damning issue is what we do when we think we know enough to let our judgment become judgmental. **Billie Jean Jones** limns in the big picture, while **Brenda Doree** gets specific. **Michelle Lynn** and **Taylor Montgomery** tell what happened to them when they decided to start seeing what they were looking at in the mirror. **Roxanne de Lyon** and **James Green** talk about how it was at the American Psychiatric Convention, but the question really is who mirrors what to whom. **Rev. John Eric Gibbons** and **Jamie Lee Gregory** both talk about deciding how to look and therefore what to see. **Dallas Denny** and **Christine Beatty** are of a piece as they bring up such clear memories, watching a newsreel of Christine Jorgensen getting off the plane from Denmark, and throwing out my clothes the day before I got married, knowing I'd never crossdress again, and evoke that old gut feeling that something was wrong, deeply, badly, dirtily wrong.

They all said the same thing. It's up to me. I can treat myself as well or as badly as I want. I can lie to myself, and from there to others, as much as I want. I can deny reality, my own, others', gravity. I can insist the sun rises in the west. In the end, it's a judgment call every time, to think, to do, to act, even to love.

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EuroFantasia

Last May Mariette Allen, Eve Burchert, Sheila Kirk, Nancy Nangeroni and I went to Ebeltoft, Denmark to participate in the first EuroFantasia. When I made my report to the IFGE Board of Directors I stated that EuroFantasia was the single most important thing IFGE has been involved with so far this year. This is why I thought so.

Over the years I have consistently stated that our primary objective is to build a happier more balanced world in which to live, not just for our people, but also for the people whose lives we touch. A primary tool for achieving that objective is our community, a community of people willing to share a common objective and to work together to achieve that objective. Primary tools for building that community are events like EuroFantasia.

One of the things events like this do is provide organizations such as IFGE an opportunity to share its knowledge and expertise with people who otherwise might not have the opportunity to take advantage of our experience. For instance, Sheila gave a seminar on hormones, Nancy gave a seminar on personal growth, Mariette presented her slide show, Eve gave a workshop on comportment, and I did a seminar on community-building. We also served as moderators for discussion groups, and our rooms became rap-group-party headquarters. Being there gave the European community a chance to better understand IFGE, and to understand that we were not there to solve their problems, or offer them a "Marshall Plan," or to tell anyone what to do or how to do it. We were there to help. Our presence opened the doors to mutual respect, communications, understanding, and support. We were proud to feel that we were able to contribute to the success of this important event.

Events such as EuroFantasia are important for many other reasons. They give new people a chance to come out into the world and express themselves, to be happy, to make friends, and to grow. They give experienced people a chance to see old friends and make new ones, and visit new places. When people come in from around the nation, or from around the world, people come to realize that the CD/TS community *is* worldwide, and we are all, in fact, part of something greater than ourselves. These events give leaders a chance to get together, to share ideas, and to make plans. They give new people and old a chance to rub elbows with leaders, and to become leaders themselves.

It is this last issue, leadership development, that is closest to my heart. Please don't misunderstand. There is absolutely nothing wrong with a good party, and having fun. Believe it or not, I have been known to have some fun myself, and I fully understand and respect that having fun is all some people want. However, the objective is to build a better world in which to live, and we can't do that if people only want to have a good time. True, a great party is good, but if nothing else, somebody has to sponsor the party, and that means leadership.

The role events like EuroFantasia play in leadership development is crucial. For instance, let me share with you a part of a short speech I gave at Fantasia Fair, the event EuroFantasia was modeled after. I stood up, looked at the wonderful people sitting there, remembered myself sitting out there some 16 years before, and started crying. Then I told them, right from my heart, exactly how I felt. "For those of you seeking personal growth and understanding, this place, Provincetown, and this event, Fantasia Fair, is heaven. For those of you interested in becoming leaders, this event is the manger, it is the cradle of leadership. Look to your left and right. Sitting beside you are tomorrow's leaders, the people who will lead our community into the future. I love Fantasia Fair. I really love it. I love it not because of what it means to me, personally, or what it did for me, and not because of those of you who will benefit from being here. I love it because of the thousands of people out there who will never come to the Fair but will benefit because *you* are here." That speech could as easily have been delivered in Ebeltoft at EuroFantasia.

The most exciting thing about EuroFantasia is that it is the first event of its kind ever held on the European continent. Europe, with its 350 million people, is now very much like America was twenty years ago (when Fan/Fair was the first event of its kind ever held in America), a few groups scattered about, not much communication, little support, no sense of community, and no sense of direction. Thanks to EuroFantasia, that's about to change.

EuroFantasia 1994 is scheduled for May 7-14, 1994, in Ebeltoft, Denmark. Be there.

My Love To You All,

Merissa L. Lynn

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

The EuroFantasia Experience

It was my honor and my pleasure to be part of the IFGE team that went to support the first annual EuroFantasia, in Ebeltoft, Denmark. In my editorial I stated,

> EuroFantasia was the single most important thing IFGE has been involved with so far this year.

Attending EuroFantasia was also the single most important thing I have done, and the most valuable learning experience I have had this year.

When Jenny Sand, the coordinator for EuroFantasia, invited me to attend and give a presentation, I was thrilled. Going to EuroFantasia would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce IFGE to Europe, meet new people, share ideas, and experience new things. The problem was, I had never been to Europe, and didn't know what I had to say that the Europeans would want to hear. Since EuroFantasia was the first ever event of its kind in Europe, and was modeled after Fantasia Fair, I decided to build my presentation based on my experience with that event, and with the evolution of our community in America. There seemed to be parallels. For instance, nineteen years ago, when I first came out and started working with Fantasia Fair, the American TV/TS community was a fractured mess. There were only a few scattered groups, and they seemed to be competing with each other. There was virtually no concept of community, no common objective, and no shared agenda. I knew of only two people who had taken serious leadership roles: Virginia Prince (the founder of FPE, now Tri-Ess), and Ariadne Kane (founder of the Outreach Institute and of Fantasia Fair). Even though Virginia's group was the most organized, her vision had such a narrow focus that many people did not want to support it, and Ariadne was just emerging, so very few people knew much about her vision. Since in Europe the most organized groups I knew of were the Beaumont Society and FPE-NE (both had their roots in Virginia's FPE), with a few independent groups scattered hither and yon, I assumed Europe was like America, circa 1975. I built my presentation on that assumption. It was a bad assumption.

Just how bad an assumption I had made became very clear just minutes after I landed in Copenhagen. Of course, after ten hours of work interrupted by a few moments of packing, then seventeen hours of riding in cramped airplanes and hanging around airports and crossing seven time zones, I was not in the best of moods, which may have influenced my perceptions. Kim Möller, president of FPE-NE, met me when I arrived at the Copenhagen airport. She proceeded to give me an education about Europe, and about the European groups. She talked to me for two hours about her organization and its activities. She talked to me about her conflicts, and about her hopes for the future. The more she talked the more I realized that Europe 1993 was nothing whatsoever like America 1975. "Merissa," I mumbled to myself, "you jackass! These folks have been organized for 27 years. This is a whole different world. They have different issues, different dreams, different languages, different customs, and a very different history. You don't know a thing about Europe, so what makes you think you have anything to say that these people want to hear? So, get rid of that dumb presentation, and just shut up and listen. Maybe you'll learn something." My carefully prepared presentation was carefully placed in the nearest trash can.

Kim put me on the train to Arhus, the last stop before Ebeltoft, which gave me four and a half hours to think about what she had said. However, the train was clean, and quiet, and comfortable, and my thoughts became lost in the beautiful Danish countryside. Finally, we pulled into the Arhus station, and I staggered exhausted off the train. Jenny Sand met me, gave me a much needed hug, drove me to Ebeltoft, and tucked me in for the night. One small problem: for everyone else it was one o'clock in the morning, but for me it was five o'clock in the afternoon. Even though I had been awake for 36 hours and my body was begging for sleep, I was wide awake. My bed was strange, like a double-decker futon stuck to the wall, and it had no blanket, just a big fluffy pillow. So, I stretched out, snuggled up to my pillow, and stared at the ceiling until dawn. By seven o'clock in the morning (midnight my time), I started to drift off to sleep, but it was time to get up.

My roommates, Sheila and Eve, were up and scurrying about, banging pots, and laughing at my sleeping position, which was half naked, a leg draped off the edge of the bed onto the floor, my face buried in my

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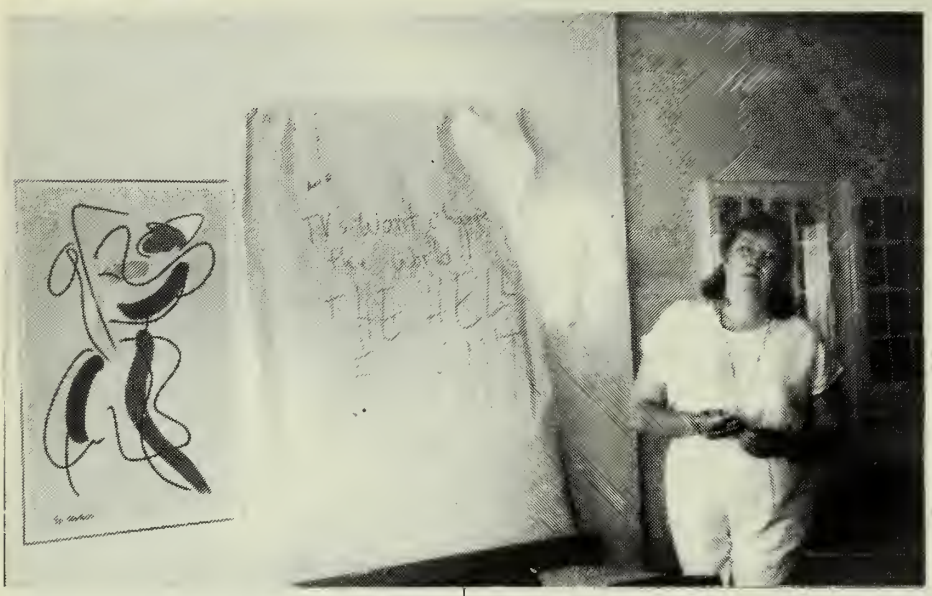

pillow. Eve later explained to me that in Europe blankets are filled with down, and the reason I couldn't find my blanket was because I was using it as a pillow. It was a brand new world. Not only was my pillow my blanket, the lights didn't have any light switches. When I went to the bathroom it took me 15 minutes to learn how to flush the toilet. When I went to plug in my hair curler, all I could find were two little round holes where the electric outlets were supposed to be. Worst of all, when I turned on the television there was only one station, and that didn't come on the air until two o'clock in the afternoon. Thankfully, I wasn't the only one having adjustment problems. Sheila was using toilet paper as a coffee filter.

While I had my first cup of coffee, which was strong enough to peel varnish, I opened the doors to our patio and explored the world around me. The sun seemed brighter, the sky seemed bluer, and the air smelled fresher than it did back home. There were flowers everywhere, flowering dogwood, azaleas, daffodils, it seemed the whole world was in bloom. Across the street workmen were carefully restoring a magnificent old wooden sailing ship. Its three masts towered into the sky, framing the green-blue water of Ebeltoft Vig (Bay). The bay was surrounded by quaint red-roofed farm houses, and endless fields brilliant with golden mustard. Even though I hadn't slept for two days, the view made the long trip all worth while.

That first day I was just too exhausted to function. People would come up to me, introduce themselves, and I'd fall asleep. I fell asleep in the middle of Sheila's presentation. When I was awake and relatively ambulatory, I was walking into doors, tripping over people, and dropping things. It was awful. So much for first impressions. However, that first night made up for it. For me it was like a trip back in time to those wonderful pajama parties in Room 114 of the Crown & Anchor motel in Provincetown. There we were, transvestites, transsexuals, new women, wives, friends, Americans, Norwegians, Swedes, Finns, Danes, Germans, Swiss, French, Belgians, English, Irish and Welsh, all laughing and singing in perfect beautiful harmony. Well, maybe it wasn't perfect, but it was beautiful. I'll never forget the joy of listening to Gitte-Marie belt out a rousing foot-stompin' Buck Owens tune in Danish. There's something magical about music and laughter. It's a magic that transcends the labels, the nationalities, and the sexes. It makes us forget our differences, and share our happiness. It is salve for the soul, and the best way to bring good people together in harmony.

For me, not everything was as enjoyable as the pajama parties. Since I had no presentation to make, and would not have one until I had a better understanding of European issues and what they wanted from me, I decided to follow my own advice and "just shut up and listen."

Yesterday you heard Annie Woodhouse say we can't change the world. We can, and we are.

The next five days became a profound learning experience. Many people talked to me, and tried to share with me their lives and their issues. They tried hard to help me better understand the European people, their customs, and their mentality. The problem was that the more they talked, the less I understood, and the more confused I became. Frankly, by the end of the week I had a much better understanding of European mentality and problems, but I didn't have a clue as to what I could do about it, or what they wanted from me, if anything. Everyone was sincere, but everyone said something different. "Help us, but don't tell us what to do or how to do it. . . . No Marshall Plans." Help, but don't help.

It seemed as though many of the Europeans had a real love/hate thing for Americans, and I became the focus. I was alternately called everything from "the ugly American," to "der Führer," to "the messiah," and a lot of other things I don't care to mention. I took each of these labels to reflect misperceptions the Europeans had about me, and clues as to the barriers that needed to be overcome in order for us to work together. For instance, I interpreted the ugly American to mean that Americans were not well known to be benevolent without ulterior motives. So, when we said IFGE was there to help and to support and that was all, they didn't believe us. All week long we worked hard to build a sense of trust, to help people understand there is a difference between "offering support" and "taking over." Gradually, I think we came to understand their mistrust, and they came to understand that we were offering IFGE as a tool of support and not trying to recruit everyone into the IFGE ranks.

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Mary Lynne White

Things Aren't What They Seem

In trying to get this article ready for publication, I kept changing the topic and procrastinating until the final deadline. I must have known on some level this was going to be one of those "get vulnerable" articles because I was avoiding it like the plague. It's so much easier to dish out positive ideas and exercises than to share my own *stuff*. I had asked for some kind of Divine assistance in doing this project. The response given me was to share my own experiences regarding change during the past few months. Perhaps I'm not the only person going through major life changes right now.

Some of you know I have made two cross-country moves in the past three years. These were done by listening to my heart and my intuition rather than to my more pragmatic intellect. Although these moves were not the best choice for me financially, they were definitely rewarding in other ways. The experiences I had as a result of theses moves helped me learn more about myself, expanding and growing in new ways.

Late last fall, I had the sense it was time to move again. I wasn't feeling fulfilled living in Jacksonville, North Carolina. It was pleasant, but not motivating or energizing. There was something missing in my life. I wanted to be in a place where I felt more supported in doing my work with crossdressers, as well as my reflexology, rebirthing and transformational counseling. About the same time, I reconnected with a girlfriend of mine in New York named Susan. She designed and sold ceremonial art work that was worn as jewelry. She suggested that I come back to the city and help her in her business. She needed help in getting things organized. She also wanted someone she trusted to be there with her to help support her in letting go of cigarettes and unhealthy eating habits. We would share her apartment since she planned to be out of town most of the time.

I intuitively knew she and I might have problems being together because of our differences and our strong personalities. After meditating on it, I decided to make the move back to New York City. I felt confident that Susan and I would be able to work through our differences. I was willing to accept whatever came up as part of the passage I was going through at the time. It also gave me an avenue to leave North Carolina and get back to the city.

My arrival in New York City marked the beginning of a five month emotional roller coaster ride for the two of us. When I first walked into her apartment, I expected to find a two-bedroom apartment. What I found instead was a one-bedroom residence. I remember thinking, "This is either going to be my worst nightmare or my most exciting adventure." It has been a little of both, depending on how I chose to perceive it. These past few months have been filled with changes, high emotional drama (which I don't like to do) and an endless flow of lessons, particularly about what NOT to do for my highest good. Through my experiences with Susan, I have come face-to-face with my darkest demons, some of whom I knew nothing about.

I share this process with you to show how the ego works to keep us in a space of fear, leading to anger, judgment and finally, to separation. I also want people to know of the gifts I have received as a result of what appeared to be "unpleasant circumstances."

My first lesson dealt with arrogance. I came to New York City thinking I would assist Susan in changing her lifestyle regarding cigarettes and food. On a conscious level, I thought I had ignored the little voices in my head that judged her. After all, it was not spiritually enlightening to judge anyone. A very subtle part of me felt better than Susan because I had overcome my addictions with cigarettes, alcohol and food. It was so subtle it took me awhile before I could recognize it for what it was. I'm also sure that another part of me didn't want to acknowledge such a personality could still exist within. I would go about my business trying to help Susan, while unconsciously, part of me resented it.

Susan, being the psychic person she is, responded to my negative thoughts by becoming angry, demanding and verbally abusive at and to me. I couldn't understand why she was so upset. Here I was, doing my very best to help her, and she was angry. Part of her anger came from my making mistakes in her business. I attributed them to my being on the learning curve. I felt she hadn't given me enough time to learn everything. I would listen to her and then defend myself. I was not really open to hearing her side fully. In my arrogance, I felt I was right and she

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was wrong. This type of thinking created a no-win situation for everyone involved.

I had to be reminded (the hard way) that there is no right or wrong. Life is what it is. Susan comes from her perspective and how she perceives the world. I have my own unique way of looking at things. Just because our perspectives differ does not mean they are wrong. They are merely **DIFFERENT**!

What was even more humbling was the awareness that each time I judged Susan, I was judging a part of myself that had not been healed. When I saw this, I could see the blessings inherent in this time with Susan. How else would I have been able to see this unhealed wound within myself if it weren't for her? Self-growth is like tending a garden. Once everything is planted, the garden still requires care through watering and weeding. I had dug out the larger weeds in my garden, but forgot to come back from time to time to dig up the smaller ones I hadn't seen before.

My awareness of my arrogance and judgment immediately brought up the ego's voice. *You should know better! . . . Why don't you practice what you preach! . . . You are just as bad as she is!* This last statement told me these were not the voices of truth and love.

First of all, I did the very best I knew how with what I had available to me. Sure, I could have handled these issues in a more appropriate manner. I didn't. I let Susan push my buttons and listened to my ego instead of to my heart. This resulted in my feelings of fear, which led to anger. I allowed myself to get so caught up in it I was not able to see the lies. Neither one of us was looking for the truth when we were expressing anger. We forgot a simple truth: Anger Never Heals. To beat myself up would only perpetuate the thought that I am not okay. I reminded myself I was learning from this experience and was willing to forgive myself for not knowing how to deal with Susan from a place of love and compassion. Secondly, I remembered how my ego uses judgment and guilt to keep me in a place of fear so I won't move forward. It tries to make me think I am separate from other people. Judgment always places us in an us vs. them mentality. In truth, we're all in this together. If we would remember this simple point, we would have fewer arguments and wars. The real enemy that exists lies within. When we learn to make peace with that part of ourselves, we can make peace with the world.

Susan and I had, on some level, agreed to dance, so we both might learn from it. We co-created it together to help us both get in touch with our unresolved "mother" issues. I was totally dumbstruck when the realization hit me that I had work to do in this area. I have spent most of my life healing the woundedness around my "father" issues. Now that I feel fairly complete with them, I learn there has been another major issue needing to be resolved. It has been so well hidden from my consciousness all these years, I did not even know it existed. It was my coming together with Susan that brought it into my consciousness in a very unpleasant way. I intuitively knew there were feelings of rage that had been suppressed for years wanting to come up and be expressed. The "nice" part of me didn't want to have anything to do with this energy because I judged it to be "bad." Only in my willingness to acknowledge it and deal with it with compassion have I been able to start healing this wounded part of me.

When Susan and I were willing to keep our egos out of the discussions and look at our problems from a place of love and support, there was no anger between us. We acknowledged our fears and talked about them. We were willing to look at one another as sacred sisters who wanted to support each other no matter what.

I accept full responsibility for having created this drama in my life. Looking back on it, I see how it helped me evolve to a higher level of truth and self-acceptance about myself. Because I was willing to look for the truth and learn my lessons, I don't have to dance this dance anymore. If someone comes into my life and asks me to do so, I will choose simply to say, *No, thank you,* and walk the other way.

It is when we don't see and learn our lessons that the dance continues over and over again, each time filling us with remorse and guilt. The only way to stop this cycle is to acknowledge it and be willing to do it differently. For those of us feeling trapped or caught up in our "stuff," please know that the mere thought of being willing to change helps create the very change desired.

Susan and I have recently ended our business relationship. I feel a real sense of completion. As for our personal relationship, I will always love and honor her, being grateful for the powerful catalyst she is, helping me to grow and to evolve. At the same time, I also choose not to be around her for awhile. The mere fact that I can do this is a miracle. There was a time in my life when I had no boundaries. I would never say, *No,* to anyone for fear of hurting their feelings.

Today, I realize it is perfectly okay for me to have boundaries when the need arises. It is alright for me not to spend time with someone when I feel it is not in my best interest. We can love and/or like someone and still choose not to have them actively participate in our lives. How many times have we sat with others, struggling to keep our masks of socially acceptable behavior on, when inside we were writhing with impatience, wanting to be somewhere else? How much happier would we have been had we honored our own feelings and done what we wanted to do?

One of the most powerful lessons learned from my life with Susan has to do with change. Sometimes things have to fall apart completely in order to come back together in a new way that has a higher sense of order. In some ways, I felt my life was falling apart, and did not know how to go about getting it back together. I intuitively knew I was being carried through this process with love and support, and I totally trusted that thought. No matter how "messy" things seemed to be, I knew in my heart it was not the truth. I had faith

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It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

CHOLESTEROL. . .
is This *Stuff* really necessary?

In the last several years, this substance cholesterol has entered into so many aspects of our lives. We talk about it and we try to avoid it. It's in our newspapers and magazines. The thought of it regulates what we eat and don't eat. We are afraid of it and embrace it and put it on our packages and labels. Yet, it has existed in our bodies, in our metabolism and blood stream since the beginning of our existence on the planet. Actually, what we hear and read and know is only a part of what is necessary to know. I'd like to give you an understanding of what this substance is all about, a rational approach to its use and its place in our eating habits and in our health.

Cholesterol is a 27 carbon containing structure. Our biochemical systems can make it from two carbon segments, and often they do just that. But, most of these systems prefer to use the cholesterol that we ingest in our diet. Hence all the commotion about cholesterol-containing foods. At the risk of getting a little ahead, there are several things you should know at the outset:

a) No matter how we limit or decrease our "eaten" cholesterol, some of us have metabolic systems that keep cholesterol levels high in our blood stream. This is often due to genetic tendencies we inherit, although other factors can be involved. This is why, so often, medications are needed in some individuals to lower the blood stream cholesterol levels.

b) Elevated cholesterol levels in our blood do lead to blood vessel (artery) disease called athero or arterio sclerosis, and that problem leads to other very serious disorders involving the brain (stroke), the heart (myocardial infarction, a kind of heart attack), and other peripheral tissue/organ damage.

c) Many individuals with normal blood (serum) cholesterol levels still develop appreciable arterial obstruction due to cholesterol, known as atheromatous plaque disease, leading to the problems mentioned above. Now, this is puzzling, but to a high degree understood by medical researchers because of other disorders having to do with certain blood cells called platelets and various clotting factors in the blood stream. This is indeed a complicated area, and we shouldn't spend time with it. I mention these three points early, however, as they are important to know.

Let us deal with dietary cholesterol since it is so important to supplying the basic chemical for so many other substances. It is the essential constituent of all cells and fluids of the body. It is necessary for the formation of a number of other substances, particularly the sex hormones made in the ovaries and in the testicles (estrogen and testosterone). Cholesterol is taken into our bodies in a great number of foods. Some food groups are quite free of cholesterol, for example, fruits, vegetables, nuts, vegetable oils, and shortening. Other food groups are extraordinarily high in cholesterol content, for example, liver and organ meats. Cholesterol, however, is found in varying amounts in the commoner foods of our diet: in meats (more in pork than in lean beef), in eggs, and in dairy products (particularly in hard, processed cheeses). Cholesterol is in all foods of animal origin. Since it is such a common ingredient in our food, we have to read labels and count the number of milligrams we are consuming daily. To add to the difficulty is the fact that fat in our diet is also a potential concern, particularly saturated fat, for the two together act to increase the problem of blood vessel plaque disease.

Once we have eaten a meal, the contents of our stomach move into the upper small bowel, the duodenum, and then into the next segment, the jejunum. In these areas, cholesterol combines with bile from the liver, and enzymes from the pancreas and from the small bowel to make the digesting food ready for absorption through the walls of thousands of cells in the bowel wall. The absorbed cholesterol is presented to minute vessels in the

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lymphatic system primarily, and, to a small degree, to the small arteries in the bowel wall. It is transported to the many tissues and organs that require it for their function. Small amounts of cholesterol circulate in free form (not attached to any other substance), but the greater amount is bound to special serum proteins in a very sophisticated transport system. Researchers have identified the components of the system quite well. There is a number of them, some in rather small amounts by comparison, but the major ones are those you recognize: high density lipoprotein (HDL) and low density lipoprotein (LDL).

HDL carries cholesterol from the tissues to the liver where it will be placed into the outgoing circulation to be used in various metabolic processes. In essence, this part of the transport system lessens the amount of cholesterol in the blood. This really is the best part of the system, hence the familiar term, "good cholesterol." LDL is that part of the system that carries cholesterol from the liver to the tissues. This part of the transport tends to work in such a way as to allow cholesterol time and opportunity to act adversely on the arterial walls, leading to the development and progression of arteriosclerosis, and eventual narrowing of the caliber of the arteries, and then tissue damage. This accounts for the term, "bad cholesterol." Cholesterol has a part in virtually all cellular function, i.e. red blood cells, muscle cells, adrenal gland cells, to mention only a few. In specific, it is essential in the formation of the sex hormones. There are many different sex hormones produced in specific cells in the ovaries, testes, and adrenal glands. Through enzymatic activity and a number of steps, cholesterol is changed to estrogen (estradiol), progesterone, and testosterone. They, in turn, exert their influence, either feminizing or masculinizing, upon a variety of body tissues: skin, muscle, bone, breast, reproductive system, and quite a number more.

HDL and LDL are measurable in the blood and should be within certain limits to indicate that cholesterol levels are appropriate to good health. To begin with, our total cholesterol levels, that which is free in the blood circulation plus that which is attached to certain proteins in the transport system, should range between 125-200mg% in both genetic men and genetic women. The HDL cholesterol should be in the range of 20-150mg% and the LDL cholesterol should be in the range of 0-130mg% in both genetic males and genetic females. When these ranges are altered and are abnormal, for whatever reason, i.e. diet, smoking, use of hormones, lack of exercise, genetic factors—either inherited or acquired—then we could be at risk for vessel disease and subsequent heart and brain disease.

It is known that certain situations in the levels and ratios of these substances leads to good or ill health. For instance, a borderline cholesterol in the range 200-239mg% with an elevated LDL above 130mg% would be very concerning to you and to your doctor, while a borderline total of cholesterol and a high HDL, 60-80mg% or more, would be much less a threat. Advice would be given to you to watch dietary cholesterol and to lose weight to get the total levels into the proper range. Treatment decisions as to blood level monitoring, weight management, and possible need for medication all depend on the ratio of these substances to each other as well as influences such as smoking, hormone use, and exercise. Change in lifestyles and repeated blood testing often may be the only approaches needed to bring a person to appropriate biochemical levels to help ensure and protect one's health. The methods utilized belong in discussions between you and your physician. The problem of fat and cholesterol intake and the management of your lifestyle may be simple or complex, depending on a number of factors. Incidentally, smoking lowers HDL, while exercise increases it.

In the transgendered person taking hormones, there are special considerations, since that individual is using hormones contrary to their biologic designation. We know that testosterone and similar masculinizing hormones, as made in the testes, tend to depress HDL cholesterol and increase levels of LDL cholesterol. This is obviously not the reaction we want. In contrast, estrogen does quite the opposite, LDL levels are lowered, and HDL levels are increased. Study and reporting in the medical literature tells us this is a protective mechanism to the genetic female. There are other factors involved, but it is accurate to say that with this protection, she has distinctly increased longevity. When estrogen is absent in the genetic female, the incidence of cardiovascular disease leading to death is the same as in the genetic male. There is good reason to believe that the genetic male taking estrogen has a similar benefit as the genetic female using it, though the medical literature in this regard is scant.

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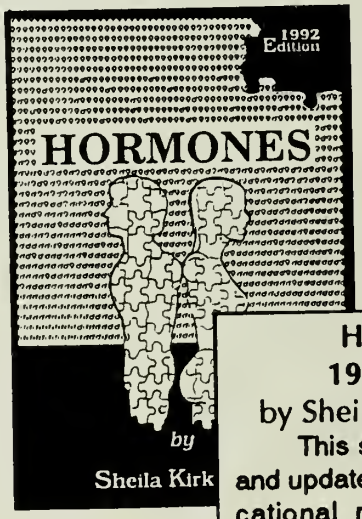

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TRANSGENDER LAW & POLICY: AN OVERVIEW

De-Medicalization of Transsexualism and De-Classification of Sex

by Marla Aspen, Esq.

The current status of transgender health law is based on the view that persons of one sex who want to adopt any of the anatomical characteristics of the other sex, or too many of the role playing behaviors associated by society with the other sex, especially appearance, are potentially medically ill and thus deserving of medical treatment in accordance with medical standards. The relevant medical category of illness is psychology, but the medical category of treatment is

(a) endocrinology and possibly surgery for the desire to have other-sex anatomical characteristics, or
(b) psychology only if the desire is limited to other-sex role playing behaviors and if such desires interfere with one's ability to function in society.

An emerging paradigm of transgender law is to recognize the desire to have other-sex anatomical characteristics or role playing behaviors as a benign lifestyle, protected by the "right of privacy" and "freedom of expression." To the extent that the transgender lifestyle is rooted in prenatal hormonal conditions which dictated a different mental sexual orientation from one's biological sex, the transgender lifestyle is similar to other innate conditions which do not adversely affect society, such as left-handedness, skin tone, or body shape. However, to the extent that the transgender lifestyle is purely a matter of choice, it is similar to a religious or philosophical orientation. Whatever the cause, the emerging health law paradigm sees no illness in transgendered behavior.

In essence, the current status of health law treats transgendered behavior as a medical problem, and invokes the minimum amount of law to ensure that the appropriate medical treatment, when needed, is not proscribed as a result of inaccurate information about people who desire the characteristics of the other sex. In contrast, the emerging paradigm de-medicalizes transgendered behavior, treating it instead as a lifestyle that does not cause any harm to others. This paradigm invokes a maximum amount of law to ensure that discrimination is not inflicted upon transgendered persons as a result of their uniqueness.

I. CURRENT STATE OF THE LAW

The current status of transgender health law is based on the recognition of persistent transsexualism as a condition of mental illness best treated by adjusting the apparent sex of the body to match the sex associated with one's gender role of preference. Hence transgender health law provides for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery to be provided to medically diagnosed transsexuals, even at state expense (hormones are ordinarily provided to transsexual prisoners and state insurance which covers "medically necessary surgery" must also cover sex reassignment surgery for diagnosed transsexuals). For example, it was decided by a New York State Court in the case of *Davidson v. Aetna Life & Casualty*, 101 Misc. 2d 1, 420 N.Y.S. 2d 450 (1979) that private health insurance must cover costs of hormone therapy and sex reassignment therapy as medically necessary treatments for gender dysphoria. Similarly, it was decided in the Federal District Court case of *Rush v. Parham*, 440 F. Supp. 383, 391 n. 14 that "the State [insurance] Plan may not deny Medicaid benefits for [medically necessary] abortions or sex reassignment surgery, but may only deny coverage of nontherapeutic abortions or unnecessary, cosmetic sex reassignment surgery."

Transgender health law does not recognize transsexualism as a medical disability for the purposes of protection against discrimination on the basis of disability. Also, transgender health law does not provide any level of legal protection to transgendered behavior less persistent than that defined as transsexualism (e.g. general gender dysphoria, transvestism or simply transgendered lifestyle). Finally, transgender health law does not authorize sex discrimination statutes to be used to shield transgendered people from discrimination. The reason for this is that sex is defined as male or female, not as the process of transitioning from male to female.

II. THE EMERGING HEALTH LAW PARADIGM

Transgender behavior represents a deliberate effort on the part of members of one sex to adopt the role behaviors society associates with the other sex. A subset of transgender behavior is trans*sexual* behavior, in which persons try to adopt not only the role behaviors of the other sex, but also the anatomical characteristics of that other sex. As noted in *Doe v. Department of Public Welfare*, 257 N.W. 2d 816, 818 (Minn. 1977):

> In discussing transsexualism,medical experts have found it useful to distin-guish between the terms *sex* and *gender*. Sex connotes the anatomical qualities that determine whether one is male or female,while gender re-lates to behavior,feelings,and thoughts and does not always corre-late with one's physiological status.

The reasons for transgender and transsexual behavior appear to simply be a quest for peace of mind. A certain percentage of society is unhappy being forced into an unwanted gender role or sex status. Existing health law considers the reasons for this unhappiness to be irrelevant, but frequently references the medical community's consensus that random prenatal hormonal fluctuations are responsible. Had the hormonal fluctuations not dictated a psychological gender orientation different from one's anatomical sex, then the person would be able to live a fulfilling life without resort to transgendered behavior.

On the other hand, an emerging health law paradigm believes the reasons for transgendered persons' unhappiness lies in the strictness with which society requires alignment of psychological and anatomical gender orientation. For the emerging health law paradigm, the problem is society's laws, much like the unhappiness of civil rights fighters for the past two centuries was not their randomly bestowed psychological constitution that insisted on fairness, but instead the matrix of repressive laws they faced. Had society openly accepted freedom of speech, irrelevance of skin tone, and liberty of sexual preference, then the fighters for these civil rights would have had nothing to agitate against. In the emerging health law paradigm, blaming transgendered discrimination on the transgendered person's hormonal set-up is directly analogous to blaming anti-Semitism on a Jewish person's origination from a Middle East gene pool. One proponent of a new paradigm for transgender law makes the following observation:

> I suggest, roughly, that transsexuals are no more unnatural than, say, converts or immigrants, and that sex reassignment surgery is no more unnatural than celibacy or the practice of ritual circumcision. (R. Garet, "Self-Transformability," S. Cal. L. Rev. 121, 126(1991).)

In a similar vein, homosexuality was removed in 1973 from the American Psychiatric Association's reference list of mental illnesses because of the eventual recognition that society's prejudices were the "problem," not the homosexuals, since the latter were found to have "no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability or general social or vocational capabilities." *(AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL* 261-83 (3d ed. 1980).) Earlier, the psychiatric fraternity noted that homosexuals were "ill primarily in terms of society and of conformity with prevailing cultural milieu." *(DSM-1*,38(1952).)

It appears to the new health law paradigm that society's prejudice is the root of transgenderal legal problems. The transgendered person is simply acting pursuant to his or her will, be it organically dictated or environmentally acquired, and is as productive and healthy as any other citizen. Transgendered behavior should be de-medicalized for the same reasons that homosexuality was de-medicalized, and should be protected against arbitrary discrimination for the same reasons that national origin and religion are not permissible bases for discrimination.

In modern parlance, transgenderal behavior is more logically called a lifestyle. The lifestyles of gender and sexual status may more properly be considered as an infinite number of points along dimensions of human sexual and genderal expression. Transsexual and transgendered people are those who decide to move along these dimensions from their current status to a new one.

III. IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TRANSGENDER HEALTH POLICY

If transgendered behavior is not a medical condition, but instead part of the normal flowering of human diversity, then there are two key policy implications for health law. First, health law must consider transgendered behavior to be a sexual orientation lifestyle, entitled to protection from discrimination along with sexual orientation, gay and lesbian lifestyles. This policy de-medicalizes transgendered behavior. Second, health law must come to define sex as a continuum of characteristics and not a basis for categorization of people, their rights, or obligations.

A.Implications for Toilet Facilities

In the long run, if sexual and genderal classifications are removed because they have become irrelevant (like asking mixed ethnicity people what they are), then at long last the transgenderal bugaboo known as the restroom question will have been answered. Which restroom does a transgendered person use? Any restroom, because "male" and "female" signs will be no more appropriate on restroom doors than are "white" and "colored" signs today. There was a time that white/colored restroom segregation was undoubtedly more important than male/female segregation. Such a change to unisex restrooms might also help redress the longstanding discrimination against women in adequate restroom facilities. In terms of implementation, the simple answer is to do away with urinals, thus providing everyone with reasonable restroom privacy as is done in Japan and other countries.

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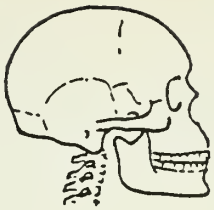

Creating Place

by Joni Eveling Israel

Recently I was sitting in my office doing research when I pulled out a copy of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd Edition, Revised (DSM-III-R).* This reference is used by the mental health profession in classifying every conceivable human condition affecting one's own sense of self and how others may view you.

References such as these provide a valuable service when a correct diagnosis or label has been applied, thus enabling the caregiver to provide supportive counseling or refer elsewhere for appropriate services. However, these very same labels also prove an irreparable disservice to those dealing with the very humanness of just "being."

Just being, in today's society, is extremely difficult. We live in what may be called a "dualities mindset" resulting in the polarization of individual realities which affect large segments of society. In a polarized mindset, things always must be one or the other: black or white, good or evil, male or female, masculine or feminine, thus, making acceptance of natural variations against the "norm" relatively difficult on individual and social levels.

As a whole, we are bombarded with these polarizations through our media, television, radio, newspapers, etc., which invariably portray the narrowest spectrum of humanity. Men are portrayed as aggressive "go-getters"who are resolute in promoting their masculinity through a variety of male-oriented activities. Women are portrayed as weak and vulnerable size sixes always preening in front of the mirror for men.

For the transgendered, I use the term broadly, the dualities mindset presents what might be considered an ultimate hell. For transvestites, this means living partially or completely closeted, for fear that family, friends, or co-workers just wouldn't understand. For the transsexual, it means fathoming a partial or full transition under the scrutiny of a hostile society. I admire Kim Stuart's insight on the question of gender in her comprehensive book, *The Uninvited Dilemma*. Her choice of words accurately reflects the journey of those blessed with the "THIRD GENDER" in a society where self and social integration is relatively difficult when no such gender exists.

The Cycle of Becoming. . .
an innate experience all humans share.

Like the transgendered, those dealing with alternative sexualities have also had a significant struggle in developing individual, community and social identities. Referring back to the *DSM III-R,* until the early 1970s, homosexuality was classified as a deviant sexual disorder, comparable with pedophilia, zoöphilia, etc. After a long, difficult struggle, gays and lesbians were able to successfully lobby the American Psychiatric Association to have homosexuality and lesbianism reclassified as acceptable variants of sexuality. Thus, they were no more deviant than masturbation, or dominant women, a natural inclination amongst humans, and certainly not a "mental disorder." Today, the gay and lesbian communities have successfully lobbied for the enactment of anti-discrimination statutes on the basis of sexuality in various city, state and federal jurisdictions. Despite their hard work, the march is not over, as many harmful stereotypes and injustices still exist in a yet uneducated society.

In conversation with my colleague, author Denver Harold, he intuitively suggested that although the gay and lesbian communities appear to have a significantly larger population than the transgendered community, it may very well be that an equal or larger segment of the population is affected by behaviors stereotyped transvestite or transsexual.

IMAGINE IF all the transgendered people chose to come out of their internalized and social closets and refused to accept labels as applied by the "dominant" society.

It has often been suggested that the dominant society displays a wide variety of unacknowledged and unspoken of transgendered behavior. I suggest that stable transgenderism, i.e. transsexualism and transvestism, is in actuality a natural variation amongst the various extensions of a gender spectrum or continuum. Thus, individuals who have made a naturally occurring shift on the gender spectrum and have found a place of stability as a transsexual or a transvestite are no less a naturally occurring variant of gender in humanity than is the individual who has had relatively fewer questions of gender.

Gender dysphoria is usually the term applied by the mental health profession as a label for those who encounter questions of gender. Transsexualism and transvestism are the terms applied which label us as the "other," both suggesting some un-human abnormality. In working with clients, I have always enjoyed reframing these terms into a more positive human application, thus, being on "The Journey of Becoming" who one is. For, indeed, dealing with questions of gender is just that. Acknowledging, interpreting and thus developing an individual sense

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of self and of gender is part of every individual's life journey. As we continually move through the act of becoming, our cycle of life, it is with hope that one at some point will be able to acknowledge internally and externally, "This is where I came from," and, "This is who I am (today)." This cycle of becoming defined within one's own sense of self and of gender is not exclusive to the transgendered experience. It is basically an innate experience all humans share.

It would thus seem that an individual who has developed a refined sense of self and a comfortable place along the gender spectrum (in today's society), while furthermore being affordably comfortable with saying, "This is where I came from. This is who I am today . . . " would appear to have found a position of mental health within this life-journey, and not be necessarily mentally disordered or deviant as the labels would indicate.

As we move through the process of "becoming," as humans, as transgendered, a significantly healthy step involves being able to share our experiences and our life-journey with others. With practice, sharing our inner selves becomes habitual, and as we feel more comfortable, we can thus choose to move on cross-educating our friends, family, colleagues, community and society. Hopefully, others witness our ability to "share who we are," they, too, will feel comfortable moving on, fulfilling their life-journeys, and respecting all life-processes.

In closing, I would like you to take note that even in writing I have often referred to society in a polarized fashion as the "other." Remember, we are a part of society that makes up the whole. Therefore, as our journeys continue, as we gain internal strengths, we don't have to become victims to society, but rather, we can be encouraged to develop a sense of self, a sense of family, a sense of community, and a part of a society we create and affect.

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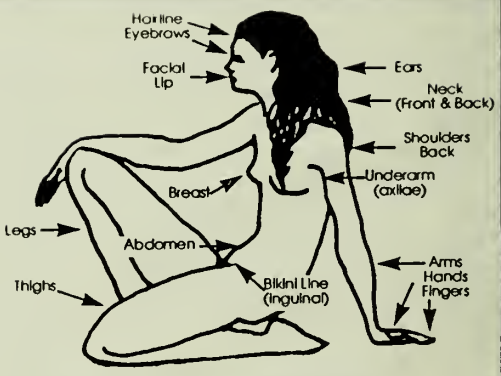

Common Sites of Hair Removal

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It is important for you to know what is going to be placed in your skin. With non-disposable probes, constant use and sterilizing can weaken the quality of the stainless steel and damage the coating. I prefer to practice with Ballet brand (a product of Synoptic Products) sterile disposable electrolysis needles for the following reasons:

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2.**Comfortable**: The needle's shaft and point are micro-polished to a mirror-like finish to assure the smoothest insertions, and the rounded point protects against piercing the follicle base or wall. Of course, no tool will replace correct technique. The operator should be highly skilled.

3.**Worldwide**: No matter where you live, the Ballet disposable probes are available, in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Note: Ballet is the only company that sells the new disposable insulated (IB), sterile electrolysis needles. These needles concentrate electro-coagulation around the tip of the needle— away from the sensitive surface layer of the skin. Reduction in surface trauma means a more comfortable treatment and less irritation for the patient. It is particularly suited for coarse hair on patients with low pain thresholds, although they are beneficial to all skin types. Some electrologists feel the problem with other non-disposable or disposable IB probes is the possibility of the insulation flaking off. Ballet insulated probes are very durable. Ballet probes have been extensively tested which has shown that the EPP insulation will stand up to the heat of thermolysis and the lye of galvanic for even the longest of treatments.

In-office sterilization weakens the insulation of all insulated needles. A new probe each visit assures you that the insulation will be perfect.

In 1989, Ballet introduced the Ballet Gold needle that is plated with nickel-free, 24 carat gold for the best treatment of patients with allergy-prone or sensitive skin. With the Ballet Gold, erythema (redness) and edema (swelling) are reduced, and the skin more rapidly returns to normal. With Gold treatments, my colleagues and I have had extraordinary success with people of color. Ballet Gold needles are also available worldwide.

These probes work well with all methods of electrolysis, Thermolysis, Galvanic and Blend. There are many different manufacturers of probes. Electrologists choose the probes they use from any particular company they prefer.

I personally think disposable probes are the wave of the future in electrolysis. I have achieved in the past, and continue to achieve, excellent results with Ballet. In fact, it is the favorite probe among our paramedical staff members.

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Electrologists may charge anywhere from $1.00 to $5.00 for a particular probe, in addition to the treatment.

2. *What is the time frame required and frequency of visits to achieve total beard removal, and will my health insurance offer coverage for this type of elective procedure?*

Some people think one treatment will clear them up. Wrong! The total time required for permanent beard removal obviously depends on a number of factors: method or modality used, beard density and the skill of the practitioner, among others. Based on my more than eighteen years of experience and a large number of completed cases, I would make the following estimates of total time required:

Light beard - up to 80 hours
Medium beard - 80-120 hours
Heavy beard - 120-200 hours
Extremely heavy beard - 200 hours or slightly more.

For best results, I think a patient should have one to three hours of treatment each week for the first year. On a medium beard, 50-60 hours is about the halfway point of completion. The hairs should be thinned out and those that remain should be softer and finer.

In order for no re-growth to occur, the hair root or dermal papilla must be destroyed. If there is a lot of regrowth, that may be caused by inaccurate probe insertion by the electrologist, inadequate current intensity or duration, or low tolerance on the part of the patient. The greater the intensity of current that the patient can tolerate, the faster the electrologist can work. If the intensity is too great, however, the skin might be damaged. There should be no sensation when the probe is inserted into the hair follicle and when the hair is drawn out. On occasion, you may feel a slight tug as the hair comes out of the follicle if the hair has an enlarged tuft.

The closer you adhere to a systematic and thorough program, the sooner you will see permanent results and completion of the beard removal. Refer to TV/TS *Tapestry* **Journal** issue #60, page 11 for more information.

As for insurance coverage, some plans do have this benefit. Some of my patients have had insurance coverage. Some of their insurance companies required a letter from their physician (internist or endocrinologist) informing them of possible hypertrichosis (hairy), hormonal, or systemic disorders. Most insurance companies limit payment for medically necessary electrolysis to physicians or electrologists working under a physician's direction.

Some electrologists have a standard insurance form for you to give to your doctor. If you have trouble obtaining these forms, write and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will send you a form.

3. *How do I find an electrologist?*

- Ask friends for referrals who are happy with their electrologists as you would a dentist or doctor.
- Ask professionals, such as physicians including endocrinologists, dermatologists and plastic surgeons.
- Yellow pages
- Write to:

The American Electrology Association
106 Oak Ridge Road
Trumbull, CT 06111
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Telephone - (203) 373-7119, FAX - (203) 372-7134

International Guild of Professional Electrologists
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When you call the chosen electrologist, ask the following questions:

- Are you licensed or certified?
- How many years of experience do you have?
- Do you work on coarse hair and men? Some electrologists may not work on coarse hair or men due to their lack of experience with these cases.
- Do you offer complimentary consultations? My advice to you is to check out the place and the electrologist first. Be sure you are comfortable and that the electrologist understands your needs.
- Are the probes (needles) used during a treatment sterile, disposable probes and do you get your own? If you get your own probe, be sure your electrologist packages it separately and sterilizes it. Do not use that probe more than five visits or 5 hours, whichever comes first, because the probe's elements weaken and so does the quality of the stainless steel.

4. *Should I start hormonal therapy before or after electrolysis treatments?*

Basing this question on my many years of experience working with the transgendered community and many people in transition, most individuals wait until they are at least 50% or more finished with electrolysis treatments, which is approximately 70 hours or more into the treatments.

The individual in transition will want to get facial hair under control to the point of halfway or until you do not see a five o'clock shadow. Wait until the hair is softer, finer and more feminine looking. Then begin hormonal therapy.

Some TV/TSs on hormonal therapy have reported their beard growth has

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You haven't heard good Country & Western until you've heard it sung in Danish.

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Concerning the "der Führer" comment, one of the Germans explained to me that they perceived me as a charismatic leader who came offering solutions. The German people, the world for that matter, have had bad experiences with charismatic leaders offering solutions. History has taught them to be very skeptical. At first I took this label as an insult, and I felt really hurt. Then I thought about it. It really wasn't an insult, it was a warning. It wasn't important what I was or how I perceived myself. It was how others perceived me, and how I presented myself to others, especially when those others had a history of leaders who had led them into Hell. I did not fully understand their fear, but I most definitely learned to respect it.

The "messiah" comment really threw me, and I heard it throughout the week. I had no idea what they were talking about. Finally, I had to take my friend Katharina, who was also one of my very best teachers, and ask her, "What's with this messiah stuff? Who do these people think I am?"

"Of course," she said, with her hand in the air for emphasis. "Some people think you are going to give them all the answers to solve all their problems." I thought about it for a moment, and remembered that seventeen years ago I trapped Virginia Prince in a corner of the Oceans Inn bar, thinking she could give me all the answers and solve all my problems. Nothing was different, except now it was my turn to be trapped.

"But Katharina," I said, "I can't solve anybody's problems. They have to do that for themselves."

"Of course," she said, with her hand in the air for emphasis. "But there's another reason," she continued.

Sally, Gitte-Marie, Merissa.

"Some people think you use words like 'healing' and 'shaman' too much. They think you're trying to introduce a new religion or something."

I didn't know whether to laugh, cry or scream. She had just told me that I had completely failed to make my point. I was working so hard to get people to care about others, and they thought I was trying to introduce a new religion. In an effort to salvage something, I turned to her and said, "Healing is healing, and nothing more. Anyone who tries to help somebody else is doing healing work. Anyone who does anything, great or small, to make this a better world is doing healing work. True, I used the word 'shaman' once or twice, but a shaman is a healer, or a teacher, and if I can awaken the healer or teacher in us all by using the word 'shaman,' then I'll use it, but that has nothing to do with religion. Do you understand?"

"Of course," she said, with her hand in the air for emphasis. I really liked Katharina.

I had many teachers, Katharina's partner Eva, my friends Gitte-Marie, Alice, Ebony, and Turid, and my roommate Eve. It was like being in school for six days, beginning with my German lessons in the morning, and finishing with songs at night. I learned so much that I can't even begin to describe it. However, my single most powerful lesson came at the hands of one disgruntled German. She came up to me, and in a deep aggressive voice said, "We don't hug or say the word 'love' in public!" It devastated me. Love, caring about others is a fundamental part of who I am. If I couldn't express that, I couldn't function. When I asked why, I was told that it implies weakness, and you can't be seen as weak. I remember hearing that exact same line in a movie called *Blood And Iron,* a story about how they trained children to be good Nazis. Not to be able to care about somebody, or be gentle, or kind is the greatest weakness of all. If you must conform, then the person who defines conformity has all the power, and it seems to me Europe had a major problem with exactly that. If acceptable public impressions define the person, how can anyone accept responsibility for their own actions, or do the right thing for no other reason than it is the right thing to do? If a person always has to be strong, how can he or she ever express his or her feminine energy? How can they ever be in balance, or find peace, or express themselves without fear? Hearing "We don't hug or say the word 'love' in public!" and seeing the intensity in her face when she said it sent chills down my spine.

Given the lack of trust, the fear of leadership, and the inability to express gentleness, the fact that EuroFantasia happened at all is an absolute miracle. I will say this loudly, for the world to hear: Jenny Sand, the person who made it happen, is a heroine!

The view from the patio:

Overlooking the Frigate Jylland and Ebeltoft Vig, with the Danish mainland in the background. The Frigate Jylland was built in 1860, and is the largest wooden ship in the world.

By Friday, the day I was to give my presentation, I really didn't have a clue as to what to say. Everything was so different. How could I offer help if they didn't want it? How could I tell them that we at IFGE loved them if I couldn't say, "We love you?" How could I say anything without it being misunderstood? Yet, I needed to say something. They were good people with good intentions, dealing with some incredible issues. They were also without a common motivation or a common objective. It's tough to get anywhere if you don't know where you want to go or how to get there. I decided to wing it.

I started my presentation by telling them about IFGE, and about our motives and objectives. Then, hopefully, they could glean something useful from our experience. Then I offered them a challenge. First I told them what we at IFGE wanted. "We want to build a world-wide community of crossdressers, transgenderists, transsexuals and friends who accept the responsibility to care about each other, and will work together to build a happier more balanced world. We want people to acknowledge that each one of us is in fact part of something greater than ourselves, and that every human being has the same rights, the right to happiness, to peace of mind, and to be in balance with themselves, their neighbors and their God, and be willing to fight for those rights. We want people to acknowledge that we are all special, and to use this specialness in a good way to help others. We want people to acknowledge that there are millions of people out there who need us, and in order to help them we must think globally but act locally." I told them how IFGE was created to follow these guidelines, and to achieve our objectives. Then I offered my challenge, "Now you know what we want. What do you want? Come back next year with your answers."

When I finished my presentation some hugged me, some cursed me, and some went for a beer. Katharina and I went to the beach.

EuroFantasia. What an experience! It was certainly far more than a week-long outing, or a personal growth experience. It was a group of very courageous people representing an entire continent, getting together to find unity and direction. For me it was enjoyable, educational, and traumatic. It also taught me a great deal of respect for the European people, and for the European situation. Jenny Sand has planted an extraordinarily important seed in Ebeltoft, a seed that must be protected, and nourished, and allowed to grow. I, for one, intend to go back to Ebeltoft next year to hear how they answer the question, "What do you want?" The answer could very well determine the future of the European transvestite and transsexual communities.

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that I would learn what I needed to learn through my willingness, and that I would be guided to a better place. That is exactly what happened.

Today I feel stronger and more confident than ever. I respect myself more for having gone through the process with Susan to learn what I needed to know. I learned more about what works and what doesn't work for me in terms of choices. I have regained my power through my decision to stop the dance and get on with my life. Feelings of gratitude exist as I view this coming fall with anticipation and with optimism.

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B. Implications for Sexual Identification, such as in Birth Certificates

Sex itself cannot be simply defined as a dichotomous choice of male or female. Since transgendered people have all manner of unique sexual orientations, transcending both anatomy and psychology, it follows that sex cannot be either a male or female category. Sex must be a continuum.

The table (above) shows some of the numerous different combinations of chromosomes, anatomy and psychology that occur in society. The combinations could be multiplied endlessly by considering separately the kinds of thought patterns or anatomical features believed by society, at any point in time, to represent various levels of "feminine" or "masculine" behavior. The point is that many people, and perhaps most or all people in some covert sense, do not fit into rigid male and female categories based on alignment of gender psychology, sex anatomy and X and Y chromosomes. The sexual dichotomy is forced upon most by society, starting with the birth certificate.

It might be thought that certain aspects of male and female are immutable. Even if this were true, it would have no bearing on the freedom of people to be as masculine or as feminine as they like. By analogy, skin tone may immutably cast one as of European or of African descent, but we all agree today that such genetic factors have no relevance to the lifestyle that one decides to pursue. Similarly, reproductive apparatus may immutably cast one as of female or male biology, but this should be wholly irrelevant to how one decides to conduct one's life.

It is nevertheless interesting to note that sexology expert Dr. Money, in his recent book *Gay, Straight and in Between,* notes that every reproductive biology is not necessarily an immutable differentiating factor between males and females. He points to recent reports of experimental male baboon pregnancies, and to female pregnancies in women without a uterus. Finally, with the rapid unraveling of the human genome, it is no longer purely a matter of science fiction to conceive of hybrid male/female capabilities in the same person.

Beyond biology, the rigid classification of life into male and female sex/gender types works an injustice on all people, regardless of their sexual orientation. The injustice in this case is an *a priori* removal of their freedom to express themselves along one of life's most trenchant dimensions—the aggressive/passive, acquisitive/nurturing, tearing/sharing *gemeinschaft,* or social worldview encompassed by sex. While the nonconformist will buck society's norm, most people will simply go along, and forego a major component of human expression.

Governmental classification of people into male and female sets down an effective and omnipotent state doctrine that free-form sexual and gender expressions is bad, evil and wrong. Hence, millions of people who would otherwise better enjoy their lives by simply being free to express themselves along a sex and gender continuum, instead live repressed to this extent out of a natural and well-founded fear of opprobrium.

The inaccurate and unjust definition of sex as either male or female should be changed. Laws basing rights or obligations on sex should contain a definitional section in

TABLE 1: SEXUAL & GENDERAL DEFINITION FACTORS

CONDITION	PSYCH/ GENDER	ANATOMY PHENOTYPE	CHROM.	STAT. OCCUR.+	EXAMPLE OR CASE *
Post-Op M to F TS	F	F	M	1/30,000	Considered Woman in U.S., not in U.K.
Post-Op F to M TS	M	M	F	1/100,000	Considered Man in U.S., not in U.K.
Pre-Op M to F TS/TG	F	M	M	1/1,600	Not usually considered Woman, but Estrogen OK
Pre-Op F to M TS/TG	M	F	F	1/1,600	Not usually considered Man, but Androgen OK
Androgen Insensitivity	F	F	M	1/1,000	Not allowed in Olympic Sports as Woman
Klinefelter's Syndrome	M	M	XXY	1/1,000	Will fail Chrom. Test As A Man
Turner's Syndrome	F	F	XO	1/1,000	Will Fail As Woman

+ AMER. PSY. ASS'N, INT'L FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUC., WASHINGTON POST, 1992
* "considered" means for some specific legal purpose being litigated.

which sex is defined as a continuum of anatomical, behavioral and biological characteristics from male to female. This change added to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, for example, would clearly provide transgendered people with protection against being fired due to having an anatomy which is different from their biology (e.g. post-operative Transsexual) or due to having a feminine behavior while still an anatomical male (e.g. pre-operative transsexual or crossdresser).

When sex can be defined as a matter of personal lifestyle, then society will have surmounted one of its most fundamental barriers to freedom of expression.

The psychiatric community is gradually accepting "that differences between men and women are social, rather than inherent and natural..." (Sylvia Law, "Homosexuality and the Social Meaning of Gender," 1988 Wisc, L. Rev 187, 212). This is an important step because the judicial system will want scientific backup for any definition of sex. Health law professionals should first get a redefinition of sex in the scientific literature, and then import that new continuum-based definition into the legal sphere. Then, finally, courts will have to hold that discrimination against changing sex is discrimination against sex. And discrimination against sex is repression of life. The redefinition will make it clear that sex can be a changing thing, and changing sex can be part of a fulfilling life.

C. Medical Insurance Implications

Another implication of the progressive de-medicalization of transgender therapy is that insurance-funded sex reassignment surgery might disappear. The reason for this is that courts such as those of New York have held that sex reassignment surgery is medically necessary, and not even available without psychiatric referral, and hence this surgery cannot fall within the cosmetic surgery exclusions of virtually any health insurance policy. *Davidson v. Aetna Life & Casualty*, 101 Misc. 2d 1, 420 N.Y.S. 2d 450 (1979). Similarly, the federal courts have held that while cosmetic surgery is not available to prisoners, medically diagnosed transsexual prisoners are entitled to state-provided female hormones, *Marty Phillips v. Michigan Department of Corrections*, 731 F. Supp. 792, 798 (W.D. Mich 1990).

While any withdrawal of subsidized transgender treatment from those who cannot afford it is wrong, the solution lies in prohibiting medical insurers and penal institutions from not covering this kind of cosmetic surgery or hormone therapy. The solution of continued medicalization of transgender behavior works a greater harm on more people. Continued medicalization of transgenderism sets up a tier of psychologists as the gatekeepers of what we do with our own bodies, unfairly paints the entire transgender community with the brush of mental illness, and maintains the pernicious fiction of separate male and female classes of people with associated separate gender roles, a fiction which has been especially unfair to women from time immemorial.

D. Implications for Marital Rights

A unique question arises in the case of hormone therapy or sex reassignment surgery for a spouse because such treatments will interfere with the standard methods of heterosexual intercourse. Also, depending on the definition of male/female that one employs, sex reassignment surgery could result in two women or two men being married, a situation that is still anathema to the civil legal system in the United States. It is proposed, however, that by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in civil or economic rights, it will no longer be possible to prohibit same-sex marriages. Also, there will be, for the first time, positive legal recognition, of same-sex or trans-sex forms of sexual intercourse. Consequently, the medical ethics problems of performing sex reassignment therapy on a spouse should then disappear.

For example, a physician today is ethically entitled to not prescribe feminizing hormones to a transgendered patient requesting the same for fear of the negative effect such hormones might have on the patient's "holistic health," including relations with spouse, children or society. Even if the spouse consented to a transsexual or essentially lesbian relationship, a physician cannot be ethically stopped from refusing the prescription so long as the couple is married. His reasoning could be as simple as not wanting to contribute to a situation of same-sex marriage when such marriages are not allowed in any jurisdiction in the world.

By comparison, consider the position of a doctor 25 years ago asked to perform even a modest blood test to enable people of African and European ancestry to marry. He could then have ethically declined, believing it not in their "holistic health" interests to marry, and pointing out that his state and 15 others made such marriages illegal. (As of World War II, about 40 years ago, 30 states still outlawed interracial marriages as contrary to God's scheme of life, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and most southern states). The same medical refusal would be preposterous today, in large part because of the Supreme Court's holdings in *Loving v. Virginia*, 388 U.S. 1 (1967) that racial classification of marriage *per se* violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution, and that:

> These [antimiscegination] statutes also deprive the Lovings of liberty without due process of law in violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the

vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men.

Marriage is one of the "basic civil rights of man," fundamental to our very existence and survival. *Skinner v. Oklahoma*, 316 U.S. 535, 541 (1942). To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law...Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual and cannot be infringed by the State. (Ibid. at 12.)

Based on the holding in *Loving v. Virginia*, state laws which limit marriages to persons declared to be of opposite sex would seem to be equally violative of the Due Process Clause. It cannot be denied that a substantial percentage of the citizenry is gay, lesbian or transgendered, and hence all those millions of persons are being deprived of their "basic civil rights" by not being permitted to marry in accordance with their sexual orientation. The only possible logical basis for the denial is that such couples cannot perform the fundamental purpose of marriage by producing children. But such an argument is clearly empty in at least four different ways:

(1) many heterosexual married couples are infertile,
(2) same-sex oriented married couples could have children through the participation of a sperm or egg donor, and perhaps a surrogate mother,
(3) same-sex oriented couples have been found to be as fitting as adoptive parents as any other group, and
(4) procreation is not the purpose of many marriages.

A more fundamental approach to "same-sex" marriages is to redefine "sex" as a "continuum of anatomical, behavioral, and biological characteristics from male to female." Marital limitations to "opposite sexes" would no longer have meaning. Medical practitioners would have no logical basis for refusing a person's request for assistance in a matter of personal gender or sexual development, subject to reasonable controls for purposes of health. Even the Standards of Care may become obsolete as society starts to recognize that sex roles are in its societal mind, not in the objective reality—requirements to "cross-live" in the "other" sex will start to lose meaning.

IV. MARKETPLACE ANALYSIS LEADS TO FREEDOM OF GENDER

In the final analysis, juridico-medical ethics must be grounded in a clear understanding of individual and societal rights and obligations. Using marketplace/utilitarian philosophical reasoning, one of the leading designers of the ascendant transgender health law paradigm writes:

> If the market can produce [sexual/gender] surgery at a price that the consumer or his or her insurer is willing to pay, then the liberty and welfare values underlying the institution of the market and the principle of mutual gain through trade would validate *(prima facie)* the surgical transaction. This *prima facie* conclusion might be withdrawn if the consumer's preference for surgery were formed coercively, or if the market price for surgery for any reason did not require the parties to the transaction to internalize its social costs. (R. Garet, "Self-Transformability," 65 S.Cal L. Rev. 121,165 (1991).)

Since there do not appear to be any social costs to transgendered behavior or transsexualism—these people appear to be as productive as anyone else in society, and perhaps serve a vital enzymatic role in unifying society—there are no logical bases for impeding transgendered people's requests for feminizing hormones or surgery under the utilitarian philosophy of relationships between citizens and their state. This conclusion would be made even more manifest if transgendered behavior was included as a proscribed basis for discrimination absent compelling reasons to the contrary. Such a progressive change would provide an "official blessing" of the outcome of the market (albeit one kept small by gatekeepers) that transgendered therapy and surgery is in demand.

It has been said that gatekeepers are necessary, lest transsexuals make the wrong irreversible decision, and end up as suicides. This reasoning seems wholly without logical basis. First, transsexuals are a minute percentage of all suicides, and many if not most transsexual suicides occur despite the intervention of psychological therapy. Second, individuals are given the freedom in many other areas to risk their lives without the "protection" of a gatekeeper—driving, dangerous sports, prescription drugs, eating habits and high-stress lifestyles. It is humane to offer psychological therapy to everyone who needs it, the transgendered and the nontransgendered. It is oppressive to single out transgendered people for forced approval of psychological gatekeepers to pursue their lifestyle direction.

In the long run, sex must be viewed as a continuum. Just as tribal, village, religious, national origin, and now racial classifications have come to be seen as fluid and a non-meritocratic, non-productive means of decision-making, the same watershed will inevitably come to classification by sex. The ridiculous efforts of states to define what percentage of "non-white" blood a person could have and still be "white" bears a marked resemblance to today's efforts to define maleness and femaleness based on chromosome counts or amount of anatomy constructed. When sex can be defined as a matter of personal lifestyle, then society will have surmounted one of its most fundamental barriers to freedom of expression. Hence the most progressive direction for health law is toward a de-classification of sex and a de-medicalization of transgenderism. This is tantamount to a celebration and protection of sexual and gender diversity in human life.

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The average person does not watch adequately to control dietary cholesterol. The average American eats between 350 and 450mg of cholesterol each day. Fat is a major source of calories in our diet, contributing about 35-40% of the total caloric intake, and is also a culprit in the development of vessel plaque disease. For individuals with normal cholesterol levels, this should be a sobering thought, for as life goes on, many influences can change those levels. As we mentioned earlier, normal levels in routine blood screening does not mean there is no potential for arteriosclerotic vessel and heart disease. Forty percent of individuals screened with just a total cholesterol level will have significant arteriosclerosis in place. A full lipid profile is now being suggested. We all must be watchful of cholesterol in our diet, but the real problem exists for those who have a tendency for or actually do have elevated blood cholesterol. For all, it is recommended that there be a reduction in daily fat intake to less than 30% of calories (with less than 10% of the calories from saturated fat, no more than 10% from polyunsaturated fat, and 10-15% from monosaturated fat). Together with this there should be a reduction in dietary cholesterol to less than 300mg per day. Such dietary changes will lower blood cholesterol and reduce the overall risk of heart disease. This is not an impossible approach to good health for all of us to consider very seriously. We know that with each 1% reduction in the total cholesterol in the blood there is a 2% reduction in the chance of heart disease. Think of it, with a reduction in dietary cholesterol such that the blood cholesterol is lowered 15%, your chance of coronary heart disease is lowered 30%. Isn't it worth it to lower your weight, to exercise, to stop smoking, to calculate your cholesterol (and fat) intake daily, and to read labels and plan meals?

Is this stuff necessary? It sure is. Too much watchfulness is not too much for good health!

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slowed down and felt softer as they experienced the end phases of hair removal.

Some TV/TS individuals experience sensitive skin during electrolysis while on hormonal therapy. This sensitivity could be due to the balance in hormone levels or extra fluid present in the body. The electrologist must work on patient tolerance, so this could slow down her/his speed. So, it is best to remove the superfluous hair first, then followed by hormonal therapy.

Of course, I am not a physician, so consult your internist or endocrinologist to discuss what is best for you!

5. *Will I experience bruised, traumatized, singed, pitting, scarring, welts or inflamed skin due to electrolysis treatments if I start hormones?*

Electrolysis is practiced by a skilled professional. If she/he is properly trained and knows not to over-treat the skin, then the actual treatment itself should be successful.

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- Patient did not apply ice or a cold compress followed by salt and warm water rinses to the skin immediately following the treatment.
- Electrologist used too high an intensity and duration on the epilator (machine).
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- Electrologist worked too long in one given area. (Regarding the upper lip, for men, one-half to one hour, and for women, fifteen to twenty minutes should be the limit, depending on the individual's skin and the modality the electrologist uses. Fifteen to forty-five minutes may be safely spent on the eyebrows, depending on sensitivity.)
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EUROFANTASIA

Dear Merissa,

Although Europe has made some great cultural strides during its history, it is the arena of war, destruction, colonialism, chauvinism and artificial life, in a word, The Cradle of Western Civilization. Europe is cut by political/ideological borders and iron curtains everywhere. Even though the Berlin Wall has fallen, it still exists in people's minds. There are also borders of language which always cause miscommunication and misunderstanding. If there is a community in Europe, it is only a community of industrial and financial trusts. Beyond that there is only a lot of distrust among the Europeans.

Remember what you heard in Ebeltoft at the EuroFantasia, "Before we can build a European Gender Community, the Germans, British, French, Danish, etc. first have to . . . " That is narrow-minded chauvinism. And, of course, this pointing at others will disguise our own home-spun troubles. This is a mirror of the same troubles Europe is having in its desperate attempt to build up the political European Community, emphatically called the United States of Europe. So it comes back to the refrain of a pop song, "All we can do is just sit and wait, sit and wait, sit and wait . . . "

Perhaps Germany, which actually has no organization, and only some ideas of what a community could be, is an evident mirror of the European troubles. The second attempt to found a federal association of TS support groups again ended in a disaster of hatred. Of course we need help, and a lot of people ask for help, but they/we are actually unable to accept offered help since they/we are not able to overcome their/our deeply rooted distrust and isolation.

To need and to accept help means, according to this, being in the weak position, being subjected to the strong who gives help, and, therefore, controls/rules those accepting help. For a patriarchal autonomous male this is totally unacceptable. So, for people grown up and educated in this kind of thinking, altruistically offered help doesn't exist. On the other hand, any kind of honest, altruistic help will be discredited by this kind of (paranoid) thinking.

Katharina and I now have fallen between all stools. We try to overcome this pattern of thinking and feeling in our heads. To recognize this mechanism within ourselves does not mean that we have overcome it automatically in the same moment. So there are a lot of tasks for us to do. (I do not like to speak of solving problems. This is too negative. Problems sometimes seem like an overwhelming mountain of troublesome work.) We want to give help to others, and we also urgently need help for this. But, how can we convince the people we want to help, who ask us for help, that we don't want to conquer and to rule them? I know, that is the question you have just asked us.

Cordially and with love,
Herzlichst und mit liebe,

Deine,

Eva, Germany

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MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Dear Editor:

I was part of the Transgendered Contingent at the Gay and Lesbian Rights March on Washington on April 25, 1993. It turned out to be one of the happiest days of my life. It was as if I had just entered heaven when I stepped off the escalator coming up from the Metro onto the Mall. There I was en femme in our Nation's Capital, on a truly beautiful spring day, with over one million gentle, sensitive, joyful people everywhere around me. Having such a mass of people accepting me,even encouraging me to be myself was a wonderful experience.

I received many compliments on my look and my outfit, and was photographed all day. I was pleasantly surprised by the number of lesbians who thought I looked good. Someone even told me I looked "beautiful." I shall treasure that always.

I had a great time with the other transgendered participants, as we laughed and danced. Many shared with me that this was a most happy day for them as well. I will always cherish the numerous and wonderful sights and sounds of that day. I felt so whole. I felt so very much to be the real me. I wanted the day to never end. The Monday after, I cried a lot because I missed the high level of freedom and joy that I had experienced that day. I know that I will be more actively feminine in my daily life from now on, and will hide behind masculine facades far less as my true gender identity asserts itself more strongly.

There is one thing that troubles me about the March, and that is that the Transgendered Contingent was so tiny. I know that there are many of us out there, so where was everybody?

The organizers of the March bent over backwards to include us, at a time when there are films showing Drag Queens and exotic sights being shown as evidence for the depravity of the Gay and Lesbian lifestyles. As a reaction to these films, many of the organizers wanted to tone down the March to better show that they are just normal people trying to live their lives in peace. Hence, there was contention over whether to allow Drag Queens in the March.

I have to salute the organizers for standing by their integrity at a time when it may have seemed wise to be more politically pragmatic. They insisted on inclusion, and that the Drag Queens be a part of the March, as they are a part of the community, and that everyone be invited. They did not stop there, but went on to invite *all* transgendered individuals to march for *their* freedom and rights as well (regardless of sexual orientation).

Yet, how many showed up?

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A minuscule proportion, though we did have a good representational showing: some Female-to-Males, TVs, Drag Queens, two Bearded Ladies, and Transsexuals in various stages.

For the first time in my life I was able to march and parade as I truly am, dressed as I wish to dress, walking the way I feel like walking, and demanding of the highest elected officials of the United States that I get my equal rights to be who I am.

When are we as a community going to show more courage? The Gay and Lesbian community have opened the way for us. There was a breach in the line of the opposition, but there was only a handful of us there to march through it. I apologize for sounding militant, and I do not suggest that we act in any provocative or bellicose manner. It would be self-defeating. Education and good example are the best weapons against ignorance, intolerance, and fear. I believe firmly in non-violent tactics for change, à la Thoreau, Gandhi, and King. I also believe in the way of the Lady,a way of peace,wisdom,gentleness and beauty.

We had an excellent chance to be counted. People have got to wonder how seriously we take ourselves. How much longer must so many remain scared in closets, living in fear of discovery? Certain gestures must be made when we are given the opportunity. I may have to restrain myself whenever I hear my sisters complaining about our status in America from saying, "Where were you on April 25?"

Sincerely,

Stacy

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GOD, THE BIBLE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Dear Merissa:

I wanted to respond to your biblical analysis in the most recent issue of *Tapestry*. The background for my response can be found in *Dirt, Greed, and Sex*, by William Countryman, an Episcopal priest.

1. The only explicit condemnation of homosexuality in Hebrew Scripture is found in the "Holiness Code" in Leviticus. The Holiness Code was "discovered" at a time when Jewish exiles were returning to Palestine. They were weak and scattered and needed sharp cultural differentiations to hold together. The rest of the "deadly" passages in Hebrew Scripture are about rape or violations of hospitality norms.

2. Jesus did not condemn homosexuality. In general, he overthrew all the standards for physical purity found in the Holiness Code and similar scriptures in favor of spiritual purity. For Jesus, the standard for spiritual purity is, "Is it loving?" In the 19th chapter of Matthew, Jesus makes a point of bringing up the issue of "eunuchs" (including those who were eunuchs from birth, those who were injured, and those who are eunuchs by choice). He specifically welcomes them into the Kingdom of God in rejection of the Holiness Code standard that they might not enter the temple because they were less than whole and thus unclean.

3. A close reading of Paul, as in the 1st chapter of Romans, shows that Paul regarded homosexuality as unclean but not sinful. He uses homosexuality as an example of uncleanness to make a different rhetorical point. Paul was a good Jew in this regard, brought up on the Holiness Code and other Hebrew Scripture. Later, Paul goes on to make the same point as Jesus, that such standards of the law are overthrown by the free grace of God and that the core of Christianity was to love God and follow Christ. In fact, Paul found his primary vocation in opening the Christian word to Gentiles and that required him to take the lead on overthrowing all the culturally bound standards of the Holiness Code. This shows up, for example, in his repeated treatment of circumcision. Thus, the weight of Paul is exactly where the weight of Jesus is.

The core of good biblical analysis is to separate the core truth (*kerygma*) from cultural distortions. Surely a lot of Christians, particularly fundamentalists, have claimed the cultural trivia at the expense of God's grace. They hurt us a lot. It is important for us to distinguish friends from enemies, and we have a lot of Christian friends who can respond to us on the basis of compassion and justice. I am in a congregation and mission group that does exactly that for me. I serve a national congregation that is expressing its friendship at considerable cost.

Shalom,

Dr. Patrick W. Grace Conover,
Office for Church in Society,
United Church of Christ

Dear Merissa,

I am a Christian and believe in John 3:16 as Jesus being my lord and savior. I am also a transsexual and my cross-dressing goes back many years when I once had a feeling of guilt. Since that time I have gone on hormones, dress most of the time, and go out in public.

Deuteronomy 22:5 once hit me like a lead weight when confronted by my peers. Now I take it in stride and consider my transsexualism as a gift, everyday learning more and more, and feeling peace, relaxation, love and kindness towards those I meet.

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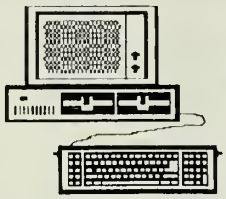

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Everyday I talk to Jesus through prayer, and with the help of the Comforter (and his word), my prayers are answered. I also have a very strong love for people and for Jesus and God, and it shows.

Answers come slowly, for it has been two years since I first asked Jesus to define Deuteronomy 22:5. For those who are new Christians or want to be, read John 14:5-14, Jesus the way to the father. Also John 14:15-21 Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. John 16:5-7 the Work of the Holy Spirit. John 13:34 Love on another as I have loved you.

Take care, & God bless you,

Melissa Sue Jacobsen

PRIVATE POST OFFICE BOXES

Dear Editor and Friends:

Much has been written about the lack of response to correspondence. I am sure that there are some ladies who will read a first letter and can it without so much as a how-de-do. While this is rude and leaves one half of the corresponding pair in the air, it is a fact of life.

In defense of some of us who try to respond diligently to all our correspondence and somehow get fouled up, I offer one further explanation. Beyond the usual unexpected injury (one correspondent was in a plane crash, and it was not until one of her friends wrote that I knew of it), family crisis (you know, the wife just found the stash and went ballistic), or the real world intrudes (I was recently on a business trip with two partners, forcing me to curtail activities until I returned), there is another reality of the mails.

I recently closed down a private rented mail box—not one in a Post Office. I expected to get my mail that continued to be sent to the suite forwarded to my new address. Such is not the case, at least not in California, but I suspect the same is true nation-wide. The owner of the rental company said that because my box there was not a residence or a place of business, the Post Office would not accept a forwarding order for my closed mail box. The owner of the rental company then asked the Post Office what she was to do with letters that came after the box was vacated. The reply surprised even her. She was told to throw the letters away. "Isn't that illegal?" she asked, amazed.

"No," they replied, "we have delivered the mail to the address on its face and there is where our legal obligation ends. You may dispose of the mail at this point as you see fit—throw it away, or put more postage on it and forward it that way."

So, if you are sending letters to, or receiving letters from privately rented mail boxes, and you don't get answers, get annoyed. In the hopes of avoiding lost letters and hurt feelings, in the future I will include my home address after a couple of letters so I am sure that riends have a forward-able address at which to reach me.

Thanks for the ear,

Stacy Clement

ANOTHER DEFINITION

Dear Editor:

I think we have an obligation to our sisters in the community to elevate our transgender philosophy to its highest level of respect, honor and understanding. It should be presented in an air of dignity and not as a sexual side-show in a circus.

My own perception of transgenderism is purely that we were born or brought into this world in a male form, but with the mind and perception of a woman. For the most part, our emotions are those of a female. We are sensitive, understanding and caring. To present us in any other light is totally unjust and lacking in knowledge. My focus here is to present a transgenderist as a woman of beauty, in a non-sexual presentation.

Cordially,

Nancy Donohue

SPEAKING OUT

Dear Friends:

On Sunday afternoon, June 20, 1993, I will be delivering a speech to the Gay Community at the Gay Pride picnic in Himmel Park in Tucson, Arizona. The content of this message is that at this most critical time in our planet's growth, our social development is both necessary and long overdue. My goal is to promote the sense of oneness that we all, gays, transsexuals and transvestites share in the war we are all a part of, to once and for all educate an otherwise blind and ignorant society.

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bers of the gay, transsexual and transvestite communities must recognize the genetic differences we all seem to possess. Regardless of preference, lifestyle or profession, we can no longer look down on or discriminate against one another just because we may appear to be diverse. We are all human.

I lovingly urge you all to stand up in unity, transsexuals, transvestites and homosexuals, as one—hand in hand, together, and be as one people. This earth will grow into a civilized society complementary to human creation.

The diversity we all possess has always, throughout history been problematic, yet, as we grow and develop in the fields of medicine and social sciences, those problems we have faced in the past are slowly, but surely fading away. This task is accomplished by doing, and not by a small few of us, but by us all in unison. WE CAN OVERCOME! Now, if ever, is the time to cast off petty misunderstandings and become one with one another.

Sincerely & with good intent,

R. Karen Davies

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THE TALK SHOWS & THE RATINGS SWEEPS

Dear Editor:

I am writing about the recent *Sally Jessy Raphael Show* (Show #60493 broadcast June 4, 1993).

In my work with TransEqual, we are deeply involved in this issue and, in my opinion, the way transsexuals and transgenderists are treated in prisons probably constitutes the worst human rights violation of this century.

I sat helplessly in front of my TV and watched what should have been an exploration of our rights turn into a bigoted fiasco with some blathering idiot butting into every sentence and raging on about breast implants. It was obvious he had been coached and that the show was deliberately confrontational. What a shameless ratings grab!

What I saw on that show was a total failure of human compassion.

For any of us who appear on these shows in future, my suggestion is this: No matter the topic, no matter the host, the moment the show becomes anything but calm discussion, just get up and walk calmly and silently off the stage. DO NOT give anyone the courtesy of an argument, just leave. If most of their guests walk out on them, they will be forced to halt the show in front of a live audience and they will have to rethink the way they treat us, and our issues, next time around.

It is time to show these idiots that we are not about to play sensationalized games any longer. We are not circus freaks, it is time we started proving it.

Sincerely,

Laura Masters,
Rights Advocate
TransEqual

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GENDER DISCRIMINATION

Dear Editor:

I take exception to a statemen made by Martine Aliana Rothblatt on page 41 of issue #64 of *Tapestry*. She says, "Gender oppression is a relatively recent historical phenomenon." This statement has to be false in its entirety as evidenced by Merissa Sherrill Lynn in her editorial beginning on page 5, and by my own thirty years of studying the Bible. Of one believes the Bible to be true, then discrimination between the sexes began more than 2000-3000 years ago. It seems to have been present from the beginning of recorded history of man on this planet. Unfortunately, there always were and probably always will be certain persons who are *against* what-ever happens to be in vogue.

I have found over the past year since I discovered *Tapestry* and the IFGE that the two were truly a lifeline for me at a time when I was despondent and the world didn't look very much like a place where I wanted to stay. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. I wish all of you the very best life has to offer.

Gratefully,

Norma Susan

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MORE ABOUT LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I would like to say something to the person who wrote in about the bad English, grammar, etc. received via the Personal Listings section of the *Tapestry*.

I agree with everything written, but would like to remind her that not everyone has a college degree, or even a high school diploma. Some people have a problem with writing through no fault of their own. Does this mean their letters are worthless? Next, maybe we should not let anyone who is older and doesn't look good join a group?

What I am trying to say is, don't judge a person by the way she writes, but by what she is trying to say. Maybe it's a call for help.

Sincerely,

Leslie

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Dear Editor:

It is sad when you send out letters thinking people will respond, and they don't. Not very ladylike to say the least.

I subscribed to *Tapestry* because I felt there were others out there like myself who can venture no farther than the typewriter, but can have friends to chat and talk to. We can share our sorrows or bubble over about a new dress we bought. I can wonder, "How do I tell my kids?" or just say, "I went to a party!" In other words, girl talk.

However, one person out there is sending our names to every obscene mailing list they

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can after we have written them an honest letter. The mail itself doesn't bother me that much. I think few of us who are transgendered really are that prudish. The part that gets my hackles up is I feel another does not have the right to violate my confidence in this fashion. I think it should be impossible for someone to give out another's address without saying something like, "I was talking to a friend in California who loves model railroading, too. The two of you would have fun talking about your layouts. Would you like me to send her your name and address?" We share tid-bits, but never give out another's address without them saying so.

Sincerely,

Dianne White.

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Dear Helene,

Mom reacted slightly surprised at seeing me in my maid's uniform. Then I took it off as it would be appropriate to serve in, but not to eat while wearing as I didn't want to get food on it.

Mom talked openly about the subject of crossdressing and even suggested a possibility of permanent change-over. I said that I had thought about it. She also said that she knew of some people in years past that did it, but warned of possible ostrification from society if not approached correctly.

I said that this person I knew (which is you) had or has acquaintances in the process of permanent change-over or had completed it.

I said that I was going to a gathering of people like us because it felt right and I trusted you. I do not easily trust people, but I am going so that I can be in touch with other people who have gone this path before and done it successfully. I need to know whether transsexualism is what I want, or to be what I am now which is a male in female clothing and acting the part.

It is fun to be thought of by others who think I am female. Some or most women will probably be able to read me, and may have done so already.

I talked of my experience at your house, and that you said that I was not stuttering after I became used to you and knew your heart was and is in the right place. I felt like this being a woman was so right. I had for the first time a true sense of belonging, not ill-at-ease, which is how I have felt all or most of my life.

Also I have never thought of myself as a male, but rather as a female. When I become feminine in appearance, I think, especially now, that it is the real me, and when I try to appear as a male, that is when I am crossdressed.

Sincerely,

Veronica Ann

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IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Dear Editor:

The original letter I have enclosed was sent to me by a crossdresser who originally contacted me through the Personal Listings in the *Tapestry*. When I responded by mail, including my telephone number, Veronica Ann called me and we arranged a meeting. She was so shy on the phone that I had to help her through our brief conversation. Our meeting went well enough for me to invite her to my place where we talked through an entire afternoon. She was already at the point where she was ready to come out of the closet, but she was very uncertain as to how to go about it.

Veronica Ann has lived and worked on a farm. She is 33 years old and lives with her mother who is aware of the fact that her son has definite female tendencies. The mother knows about people who have been transsexuals. This letter follows my original meeting with her and is expressed in such a way that I felt it would be a real contribution to readers of *Tapestry*. There have been many wonderful testimonies sent to *Tapestry*, many well expressed and well written. But, the simple style of this one with its haunting quality, reached me in a special way.

She and I spent a day last week Mall crawling. As it happened, it is Spring Break up here, and the shops were crawling with teenage organisms, the most dangerous species as far as crossdressers are concerned. Veronica Ann did very well through the entire

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expedition. There was not a single anxious moment. I noticed also that her speech is noticeably smoother. This coming Saturday, she and I are going to drive 125 miles to attend a meeting of the Sunshine Club. This is the closest group to us. The only problem Veronica Ann has at the moment is whether to wear the fuchsia sweater set or the blue dress with the pleated skirt, but we will decide that when we see what the weather is on that particular evening.

Sincerely,

Helene H

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ONE PERSON'S STRUGGLE

Dear Editor:

I am a business professional, State Licensed Contractor, President of my corporation, highly visible within the local business and civic community and highly regarded by both my peers and clientele. I am also the father of two fine young boys, and was married to a lovely, devoted wife for 20 years. Following a bout of severe depression, I was clinically diagnosed as suffering from gender dysphoria and was placed on the "program," with hormone therapy, in September 1992.

The road has not been easy.

Following another hospital stay from December 1992 through early February 1993 after a suicide attempt, new life goals were established, and many issues (primarily in the form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder resulting from issues directly relating to the divorce itself), I managed with the help of the hospital staff and the doctors to get myself and my life back on track (no small task given the amount of baggage I was carrying).

I was 44 years old. I was 42 when I came out to my wife, when the "biological time bomb" went off, and in lieu of all the consequences and hardships that I knew, or thought I knew, were going to manifest by revealing my hidden secret. I just didn't have any choices. It was simply just time to tell her. Four doctors and one year later, what was inevitable became reality.

The problems started in late November when the enormity of just what I had sacrificed (my relationship with my wife, kids, family, friends, etc.) hit me like a ton of bricks. This was the most devastating form of sheer hell that I ever experienced. I suddenly found myself in the depths of the absolute worst depression I have ever encountered. It was at my (ex)wife's insistence (God bless her) that I checked into the hospital again.

Peer support among my pre- and post-op brothers and sisters also helped to ease the pain of the depression. It helped a great deal in elevating my damaged spirit to the next plane of sweetness, hope and light. If it weren't for these women and men, I would have been dead by now.

I wish to thank Dallas Denny from AEGIS, Kim Elizabeth Stuart, Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Shirley Richards, Dr. Donison, Dr. Wilson and Staff, Dr. Ty, Melissa Phar, Cathy Allen, members of Crossroads and a host of others. Wonderful people, kind, considerate, with a depth of understanding that reaches beyond the human soul.

I cry for the lost sisters and brothers who were not fortunate enough to have been surrounded by the type of love and compassion that I was shown.

I move forward. My life now back in order. The hormones, gently cascading through my veins, slowly weaving the collective magic upon my physiology. My spirit is finally at peace. Life is going on with me a part of it.

When the time comes, the one single event that I most look forward to is being invited to attend the New Woman Conference to celebrate my birth with my sisters.

Most sincerely,

Brenda Joan Petry

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WHY

Why do all these organizations' newsletters ask for articles and then they don't publish them?

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Why are they afraid to publish anything negative, especially about fund raising events?

Why are they afraid of the truth?

Why do these organizations seem like one-person operations?

Why do we support these organizations and they don't support us?

Why is there no togetherness?

Why won't this letter be published?

Why won't I sign my name?

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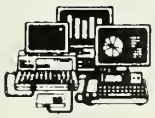

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Take It As You Find It Or Do With It What You Will

by Taylor Montgomery

I'm a babe in the woods. That's how I feel most of the time. I'm telling you, a babe! When I was exposed to myself it was quite a shock. I thought I was crazy. For years I had been running and hiding. Hiding and running from myself. I did such a good job that I got lost. I guess the reason I did it was survival.

Every time I would let someone really close to me know who I was, the same thing would happen. I would say something like, "When I get older I will join the Boy Scouts." Then they would tell me I couldn't do that because I wasn't a boy. "You can't do that. Only boys do that." One day my mom sat me down to tell me what the future had in store for me: growing breasts, among other things. I let her know real quick she was mistaken. That was never going to happen to me. With all this support around, no wonder I finally learned to keep quiet. I just knew I was going to grow up to be a boy. I just knew.

Then, the puberty from hell checked in, and I checked out. My father was killed about that time, so I really checked out. I found the wonder cure for all my pain and discomfort: alcohol and drugs. I didn't have to deal with anything, and I didn't.

My sexual preference began to emerge. I was labeled lesbian. After several years, I thought, Okay, I have the body of a female and I like females, so that equals gay. I will accept that. Between all the drugs, alcohol and women over the next fifteen years, there was not much growing, mentally or financially. Something still did not feel right. Something was missing. I didn't know what, and I was really too scared to find out. (Maybe I really **was** crazy!)

I kept running as fast as I could, burning the candle at both ends. As a matter of fact, I ran so fast that when I did stop, there wasn't much left. I couldn't read or write, or have a conversation. I couldn't remember what someone had said a second after they said it. Alcohol and drugs had eaten my mind, my feelings and my heart away. I was dying.

I did get sober, or I couldn't be writing this now. Seven years had passed. Never once did I want to stop and deal with my gender conflict. Then other plans were made. I began to get sick. I lost alot of weight. Colds, flu and accidents, car accidents began. The thought crossed my mind that maybe, just maybe, if I dealt with my gender issues, or at that time I said my sexuality issues, and my shame, things would change. As soon as I started seeing a therapist knowledgeable in gender issues, the health problems stopped. That was three years ago.

The something that was missing was me, the part that I kept running from all these years. I didn't begin to feel whole until I started to validate me, the real me, the one I stuffed so far down he was killing me for not letting him out. My soul had been dying. I began to accept who I really was, and found with the help of a trained therapist that I wasn't crazy! That is when I started feeling happiness and some kind of connectedness to other human beings. The worst fear was fear itself.

I was fortunate to experience a crash course, *TS 101*, in what had to change in order for me to begin life, not just survive. I had to meet myself head on. Who was I? What was I? What were my dreams? I began to look at these issues not because I wanted to, but because I had to.

I had the opportunity to learn how to make these changes while in therapy. It was obvious to me I would not be able to do this one on my own. I learned I needed to continue getting support. I joined the Gulf Coast Transgender Community and started a feelings support group. The process of change had begun. I had to keep the direction positive.

There are two factors to be considered in the development of an identity. Our self-image comes to us in two ways: the picture we have of ourselves and the way we believe others see us. One of the most important elements I found is the

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"Something was Missing."

The part that I kept running from all those years. . .

the Real Me.

Out of The Closet And Into The Trenches

by Michelle Lynn

I'm a small town girl, always will be, I guess, so please forgive me if speaking of myself does not come easily or naturally. Self discovery and self awareness have always been private things to me. My family, God love them all, always preached the example of stoic and silent endurance. Just deal with life as is, and avoid all the uncomfortable embarrassment and silly mushiness that comes with discussing one's deeper feelings.

Well, to heck with that!

Those of us who join support groups do so because of the need to find ourselves in the company of like souls who can understand and relate to our feelings and experiences. I was as utterly alone and lost as anyone could ever be before I found Renaissance. Life literally had no meaning at all. When I left that first meeting, through all the conflicting emotions, one thought dominated everything, "I am not alone anymore."

It was that one thought and the new-found friendship of some very dear people that allowed me to begin the long-delayed process of finding myself. But it also meant that I did not have to dwell inside myself anymore to the exclusion of all else.

Suddenly the world was full of other people besides me.

Then there was that incredible night when I innocently volunteered to just help out, and watched in numbed shock as I was voted the Meetings and Programs Director. Here I was, barely out of exile from the closet and now, suddenly, I would be the one everyone else would be counting on to keep the show going.

And what a show! On a "slow" night, a Philadelphia Chapter meeting has around fifty attendees, and can routinely approach or top one hundred people during the fall and winter. Once a month, every month, there are the tasks of finding interesting programs and speakers, fund raisers, dues collection, membership drives, newcomers' orientations, visitor greetings, dealing with vendors, food and drink (they may look like ladies, but they eat like lumberjacks), spouse support meetings, laboriously long cleanups, rap groups that never seem to want to leave (even when you turn out the lights on them), answering seemingly endless questions, solving routine disasters, and generally taking responsibility for everything. To paraphrase an old saying, after a year you should be immortalized, and after two years you should be institutionalized. Including a term as Chapter Director, has it really been almost five years?

So, why continue to do it? I am certainly not a political person, by any means. The politicking and infighting that occasionally erupts throughout the gender community frankly amazes me. It isn't for the glory *(Ha!)*, or the fabulous money you can make *($0.00)*, or even the companionship. If Renaissance were to vanish tomorrow, I would leave the same person, and still have friends for life.

Perhaps it's gratitude. Renaissance gave me the opportunity to make the best of myself. Also, it gave me the courage to share who I am with my mother and it brought us a special bond of closeness and love we never had before. Eighteen months later, she was gone. We never knew about the cancer until the end. They were still eighteen wonderful months. But, you see, you never, ever know how precious time really is.

I did not get to open myself to Dad and see how the big heart he kept hidden away would have dealt with discovering the daughter in his son. That big heart unexpectedly stopped, taking him away just eleven days before Mom left us to join him. There are some people who just can't be kept apart, no matter what.

Suddenly

the world was full of other people *besides* ME!

But my dad was always a volunteer, and he never cared for recognition. No frills, no sentimentality. It was enough just to do something because it was the right thing to do.

Perhaps that's the answer. The time we have to make the best of ourselves and our world is so very short. And is there any feeling so special as that of meeting a new

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willingness to take responsibility for ourselves, to begin our self-empowerment!
There are several building blocks for a positive self-image. They are:

Individuality—begin to identify and appreciate the special traits and talents that make you unique.

Integrity—identify your values, living according to your values builds self-esteem.

Connection—we like our-selves more when we feel a part of a group of people whom we love and admire. Their support and acceptance increases our self-esteem. Join a support group or an organization. Volunteer for a project.

Personal Power—the ability to make things happen, and the confidence in your ability to create your own destiny.

Risk Taking—develop the attitude that every experience is an opportunity to learn. Focus on the experience, not on the outcome.

Achievements—identifying your own goals and reaching those goals makes you a winner. Bring pride into your accomplishments.

Self respect—develop the belief in your right to be treated fairly & courteously.(Act as if...)

Self-talk—begin an interior monologue that is encourag-ing, supportive and praising of yourself. Practice this at least two times a day.

I am now growing from an adolescent into a young man, finding in this community purpose, focus and wonderful friendships, a sense of closeness to others I thought impossible. You all have taught me about myself, friendship and role models. My life has never been so full and fulfilling. I thank each and every one of you for being who you are and exactly the way you are. Thank you for sharing yourself with me.

Taylor speaking at a seminar at the IFGE Convention in Philadelphia

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person so scared they can barely walk through the door, then watching them as they slowly gain confidence in themselves and grow? I can only imagine how the hundreds of other Chapter Leaders and Meeting Directors around the country and the world must feel. But, to see that, and know you played a part, however small, in helping make someone's life a little better is what works for me.

It's simply the right thing to do.

Sometimes, though, when I'm catching my breath between errands and aggravations at a meeting, I'll look around and hear the hum of conversation, the idle chatter, the serious discussions, the laughter. And every once in awhile, I just want to stand there, taking it all in , and tell somebody, anybody, "Thanks. Thank you for all of this!"

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Marriage & Communication

by Linda Peacock

Marriage is a very important state of being in our society. In today's America, much is being made of family values, yet we are constantly bombarded in the media with horror stories of crime, hate, divorce, spouse and child abuse, anything bizarre and frightening that can be printed. We become so intent on making a "success" of our careers and our lives, that we become immune to what goes on around us, and fail to see what and who really is important in our lives.

The point of all this is that I believe that despite how hard we are urged to be in a married state, married couples do not try hard enough to make a success of their marriage. With divorce so easily obtained and accepted these days, married partners don't and won't work at it, giving up too easily. Please understand that I am making this as a broad general statement, and not pinpointing any individual couple.

Having worked closely with both wives and crossdressers over the last five years, I have observed many relationships, some good and some bad. I have seen seemingly close and loving marriages collapse, and these couples divorce. I have close, single friends who find themselves suddenly alone, not really sure what happened and wondering how they failed. In some of the worst of relationships, the couples will hang on, hoping for a miracle, but neither husband nor wife is willing to take the first step toward understanding and reconciliation. It is devastating for those of us in a leadership position to see such terrible pain, such complete lack of communication.

What is it that is so important about communication? My thesaurus gives me several definitions: conversation, discussion and connection. But the two I like the best are "contact and touch." A couple needs to be in contact, constantly. This is an intimate contact, a state of mind whereby they communicate through thought and intelligence. The communication is verbalized or physically manifested through eye contact, facial expression, or through writing. Marriage Encounter encourages the use of daily notes or letters to your husband or wife, and discussion of those letters and the feelings expressed in them later in the day or at night. In a crossdressing marriage, communication is the one, and only one thing that can make this marriage work. All the love and emotion and physical desire cannot work unless there is communication; constant, open communication, between both parties.

Communication through touch is also vital. All warm-blooded creatures need the touch of their own kind, and we humans need this touch more than any such creature. There is something very special about touch, such as a hug or a kiss, an arm around a shoulder, the physical comfort of having your partner curled up next to you in bed. We seek warmth of each other's bodies, and also the warmth of their hearts. There are couples in our own chapter who never, ever touch each other in public. Sometimes it is because the wife cannot bear to touch her husband while he is dressed. Other times it is because they have not been able to share the need for such touch with each other.

So often, crossdressers are afraid of losing their wives because of their crossdressing that they cannot share what is in their hearts. That fear keeps them from reaching out or touching the one person they love the most. There are those who do get up the courage to share with their wives, only to have the door shut in their faces. There are those CDs who are determined to dress, no matter what, and the wife be damned.

The most important two things in any marriage, especially a crossdressing marriage, have got to be mutual respect for each other and the ability to communicate with each other. The crossdresser needs to respect his wife's right to her own opinion, and give her time to deal with the crossdressing situation. He needs to be tolerant and patient with her, expressing his love, and making sure she knows that it is his complete trust in her that has allowed him to have the courage to share what is deep in his heart. I, for one, was deeply touched that my husband (to be) was willing to take a chance and trust me to accept all of him. That didn't mean I necessarily liked everything about him, but I accepted him as he was, simply Jacque.

Likewise, we wives need to be open with our conflicts and our frustrations. We need to tell our husbands how we feel, ask for compromise, and negotiate. We need to offer them continued respect and be willing to continue to listen to them, just as they should with us. Mutual respect, coupled with constant honest and open communication can make the ultimate difference in a marriage succeeding or falling apart. Affection, through touch and eye contact, is the icing on the cake, and only strengthens the bonds we make through communication and respect.

The crux of all this is that I want to challenge the husbands and wives to make a commitment to each other. Look past the outer person and into each other's hearts. Ask questions, and then listen to the answers. Be patient, try to understand, and even if you can't fully understand, love anyway. Hold each other, accept each other, talk to each other. Open all doors, and see the light that comes from within.

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At The APA Convention

by Roxanne de Lyon

It's not often that the patient gets to help the doctor, and they weren't paying us $150 per hour for our sage counsel, but they did let us in the door which, I guess, is an accomplishment in its own right. The parade of casual-looking people wearing 'MD' badges at the **American Psychiatric Association** (APA) convention was sobering, and from what some of the other vendors told us we were considered an awesome sight in our own right, not to be missed on the tour of free mugs, chocolate bars, and cubic note pads that garnished the myriad offerings of psychochemical cures for paranoid schizophrenia, postpartum depression, and even anorexia/bulimia in the next booth.

At worst we were ignored, but we had many educational conversations with the psychiatrists of the world, yellow badges for the foreigners (yet still surprised by their accents—they looked like 'normal' American psychiatrists to me), and blue ones for the natives, our prime targets, many of whom appear to be just suppressed-baby-boomer-hippies. Few looked like doctors.

On more than one occasion I was astonished by the psychically visible question mark above the head of a doctor when after their negative reply to our question, "Would you like some information about our foundation?" I would ask, "Do your patients have gender?" Occasionally the question mark turned into a light bulb. Then the reply was, "I guess they do."

Many practitioners were quite aware of the independence of gender, anatomical sex, and sexual orientation. Some even remembered us from last year, but many more were impressed by the existence of our foundation, and eager to learn more about our philosophy and our mission. We easily passed out over 2,000 information packets during the four days, all to pre-qualified potential clients.

I took the opportunity to recruit speaking engagements whenever possible for my pet project, the IFGE Speakers' Bureau: psychiatric grand rounds, inpatient recovery programs, prisons (the only truly captive audience), state mental hospitals, and various university programs all became possible targets for timely presentations.

We had several doctors and attorneys on panels presenting gender information to the assembly. There is a strong effort to work within the APA to remove transsexualism, transvestism, and fetishistic crossdressing altogether from the category of mental illness in the upcoming edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM IV)*. This may help anyone who is having these behaviors used against them at work, in court, or anywhere else.

The professional nature of our booth and staff hopefully impressed all who passed by. We now need to consider expanding our public presence as gender individuals, with the primary goal of creating a positive image of gender explorers in the world at large. Individuals and groups can support IFGE's expensive institutional presentations at events like the APA and the AASECT conventions by becoming visible in smaller, more local public, legislative, and professional arenas.

This exposure to the psychiatric community satisfied in a small way my need to reach out beyond the college classroom. The overwhelmingly positive feedback encourages me to continue to come out, to take the time to talk to people, to maintain a positive attitude and a smile, and to be comfortable that the gender path is the right path for me.

I give thanks for the chance to be me. You can do it, too. Go get 'em!

"Do Your Patients Have Gender?"

The question mark turned into a light bulb,

"I Guess They Do."

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An FTM with IFGE at the APA

by James Green

The Annual Convention of the AmericanPsychiatricAssociation is a magnet for controversy. Psychiatrists are doctors who can hold multi-edged swords over almost anyone, and many people wouldn't go near a psychiatrist for fear of being sedated, electro-shocked, and locked away. Yet, we were going to spend four solid days with them! As I walked into the Moscone Center, San Francisco's premier conference and exhibit hall, I saw the signs of controversy painted on the sidewalk and on the walls of the building: "APA Go 'Way," "Transgender Liberation," and "TS Rights" were spray painted or stencilled every few feet. I knew I was in for an interesting time.

"We're not here for a personal growth experience," said Yvonne Cook-Riley, booth captain extraordinaire. "We're here to pass out information packets!" Yvonne, Dan Cook-Riley, Sheila Kirk, Laura Caldwell, Melissa Foster, and Roxanne de Lyon had set up IFGE's 20-foot booth the day before. Now we were opening boxes of literature packets and preparing for the hoards of doctors who would be strolling the aisles looking for freebies and new ideas.We had a few new ideas .

Our packets consisted of a copy of *Tapestry* and a couple of information sheets targeted at APA attendees, all packaged in a 9 x 12 white catalog envelope with the words **SEX** and **Gender** printed in big black letters. One could feel a bit awkward standing in front of this booth, all dressed up for corporate America and offering the passers-by a package or "Sex and Gender." It took me just a few seconds to rationalize that it wasn't the sex we were selling, it was the gender. Sex was just one of the attention-getters. We were the other attractions. Even though we were hidden away in the most remote corner of the exhibit hall floor, we still managed to attract attention.

"May I offer you an information packet, Doctor?. . . Are you interested in information on the transgendered community, Doctor?. . . Do you have patients with gender identity issues, Doctor?. . . Do any of your patients have gender?"

We did a brisk business on the first day, in spite of the fact that many people refused our materials out of fear, or aversion, or the conviction that gender issues were not a part of their practice. Many people also expressed genuine appreciation for our information and for our presence at the convention. Dan told me the story of one doctor who visited IFGE's booth last year, at the first APA convention we attended. This man sat down at our booth and wept because he had not known about IFGE and the resources it provides. He felt that if he had known, perhaps his patient might not have committed suicide. In spite of his grief, he was grateful that IFGE was letting TVs and TSs know they are not alone, and letting the medical and legal communities know of resources they can use to educate themselves and their clients and patients with respect to gender and transgender issues.

No such dramatic scene was to unfold in our booth this year, but we did have some memorable moments:

> One doctor asked, "What's gender education?" We responded by explaining that the Foundation works with transvestites and transsexuals, and he replied, "Oh, I think I am well enough informed," and walked away with a smirk and without our packet.
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> Another doctor refused my offer of information saying, "I don't believe God makes mistakes." I said to him, "Neither do I." He smiled and said, "Good!" as he walked off, but I don't think he knew who he was talking to.
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> One woman came up and asked me, "Where's your dress?" I told her I didn't wear those anymore. She looked confused and said, "Why are you here?" I told her, "Because I used to have a female body." She gasped and looked me up and down and praised my appearance saying she never would have known. "I know. Thank you," I said.

It was awkward being on display, but I also noticed that many of the men came up to me to ask questions rather than addressing one of the ladies. I suspected they felt safer or more comfortable talking with another obvious male. Usually there was no reason to come out as an FTM, but occasionally I couldn't resist the opportunity, like the time a doctor said, "I didn't think anyone was still doing the operations; after all, with a post-operative suicide rate of 30%, it seems that not many people are satisfied with the results." I responded by telling him, "It worked for me!"

"You mean, you...?" he sputtered.

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"Yes. I used to have a female body. It's true that there are fewer gender clinics providing surgery today than there were in the past, but many private practitioners now take up the slack between supply and demand."

Amazing, he said. *Perhaps I'll take one of these packets after all.*

What really amazed me were the doctors who said, "We don't have this problem in our city," or "town" or even "country." Imagine Italy without transvestites! One Italian national psychiatrist believes they don't exist. Other European doctors told us their societies had integrated the TV/TS populations more successfully than we have in the U.S. I wonder what integration means. I hope it's true, but somehow, I have my doubts.

Shoshanna Gillick, M.D. (psychiatrist) joined our booth staff on the second day. When she'd hear a doctor claiming no one in his town had gender issues, she'd look at his or her badge and ask where they practiced. "Detroit?" she'd say, "Why, there are **several** clubs in your city. You'd better take this information, because if you haven't seen us yet, you're going to see us eventually." Dr. Gillick pulled no punches.

"Why are they protesting, what do they want?"

"We want control of our own lives"

Also pitching in were Martine Rothblatt, Director of the Health Law Project of the International Conference on Transgender Law, and the inimitable Wendy Parker, who pulls **all** punch lines.

Several times each day we were asked if we were affiliated with the protesters who were demonstrating outside the convention center. We responded by saying that we knew some of those people and that they were raising valid issues. We also said that while we did not condone the vandalism that occurred, we were grateful for the protest because it gave us an opportunity to talk to more people who otherwise wouldn't have been aware of our areas of concern.

Many people asked us, "Why are they protesting? What do they want?"

"We want control of our own lives," I said. "We want the stigma of mental illness removed from our foreheads, and we want respect as human beings. We want humane, responsible, and reasonably priced medical care, and we want our civil rights. We don't want to live in fear and shame and poverty."

"Oh," the psychiatrists said.

Some of them obviously supported us enthusiastically. Others would say, "Well, it's a lot easier for me to understand your message here in the booth than it is when I feel bombarded by demonstrators."

"But if there hadn't been demonstrators," I asked, "would you have bothered to think about us at all?" We found out later that three demonstrators had been arrested: Transgender Nation activist Anne Ogborn, who spent the night in the women's lock-up, and two pre-op MTFs who spent the night in the men's lock-up and endured some harassment.

On the third day, Dr. Richard Green introduced a history-making panel presentation at one of the morning conference sessions. The topic, "Gender Conflicted Health Care Providers," was attended by only 18

APA members, but those 18 were mightily affected. Sheila Kirk, M.D., Jane Thomas, Ph.D., Steve Dain, D.C., and Shoshanna Gillick, M.D., each told about her or his gender conflict and how it had affected their professional lives. This was the first public presentation of its type at a professional conference. The questions and comments from the very supportive audience indicated that they felt privileged to be present, and regretted that more of their colleagues had not attended. From some of the personal experiences related, it was clear to me that some psychiatrists are learning to deal with gender issues as human rather than clinical conditions. One man said that he realized from the presentation that if he could separate a patient's gender issues from his or her other issues, and not **assume** that the gender issues were an outcome, then he would be better able to serve his patients.

Dr. George Brown, another psychiatrist who is very familiar with the TV/TS community in his state of Texas, pointed out to his colleagues that they didn't have to come to the APA to hear the kinds of inspiring life stories the panelists had told. He said, "There are support groups in nearly every major city in this country where you can meet a broad spectrum of individuals whom you may never serve in a clinical setting."

"It's true," said another doctor, "people only come to us when they're in serious trouble. And we've judged a lot of people we haven't seen by judging those we have."

These revelations may seem obvious to us, and we are entitled to be frustrated that health care providers don't understand, but it was reassuring to see that these people were open to new information, and were able to integrate it into their consciousness.

As an FTM, I was not surprised by my invisibility. Most people don't think of female-to-male as a possibility, either for cross-dressers or for transsexuals. One woman told Dan that he was not cross-dressed. For all of his insistence that he was a cross-dresser, the woman denied his existence because she was wearing

slacks, too. Another woman who was talking to Yvonne at one point confessed that she had never heard of female-to-males, and Yvonne called me over as an exhibit.

"James is a female-to-male transsexual," Yvonne volunteered.

The woman looked me up and down very critically, saying, "Very good, that's very good," as if I were a piece of sculpture, an imitation of life. I squirmed a bit under her objectification, and she said,"Oh, I'm sorry, was that politically incorrect?" I was so astounded that I couldn'think of it at the time, but I wish I had said, "No, it's morally incorrect."

Dr. Green reported that a longitudinal study of "tomboy girls" was denied funding by the National Institute of Health (which funded Green's famous longitudinal study of "sissy boys") when a woman on the funding review committee objected to the project on feminist principles, saying, "Calling a girl a tomboy is like calling a black a nigger." It's no wonder that the literature on which professionals rely denies the existence of female-to-male cross-dressers, and gives no valid-ation to the FTM childhood experience.

There's a lot of gender education to be done in this world, and somebody's got to do it. Sometimes I wonder why it has to be me, but when I hear a heartfelt "Thank you for the good work you're doing," I am gratified.

According to a report in the *San Francisco Chronicle* of May 28, 1993, " . . . the APA proposed that well-adjusted transsexuals [should] not automatically be considered to have a mental disorder." This is real progress, and I'm glad of it, but please, forgive my cynicism in wondering where I have to line up to get my "Well-Adjusted Post-op" stamp, and how much will it cost.

Prejudice In Genderland

by Billie Jean Jones

forward

Tapestry was kind enough to reprint an article-opinion of mine, "Who Speaks Genderlingo?" in issue #62. In the same issue, three other pieces—"In Search Of A Community" by Nancy Cole, Naomi Owen's "Legal Briefs" column and her "Keynote Address"—stimulated me to write a letter to the editor, which was not printed. The following is an attempt to clarify what was in that letter. My intent is to further dialogue in these matters, and hopefully to stimulate others to add to the dialogue.

Introduction

However, before I attempt that, I must state that (1) the issue(s) raised did not just "pop out of the air" upon reading the above referenced articles. What I am about to go on and on about has been part and parcel of the "Gender Community" for a long time. And, for those of you who may wonder why I put "Gender Community" in quote marks, it is because there is no "Gender Community." It has no location, no community, and few constituents. (2) In issue #16 of my newsletter *GenderFlex*, I published most of the *Tapestry* letter I wrote, along with another letter I wrote to a regional newsletter dealing with the same issue (discrimination). It was not published either. The thread I used to connect the two letters was censorship by omission. Subsequently I found out that an article I had written for another national, gender-related magazine—basically dealing with the same issue—had become a reason for the printer (not the publisher or editor) to refuse to print the entire magazine unless the article was removed—which it has been. "What," you may ask, "has Billie Jean been saying that causes such reactions?"

Billie Jean Explains It All

The primary issue is discrimination. There is an insidious quality in that the issue is elided (skipped over). This is what makes it so dangerous from my perspective. Naomi (in her column) addresses the "issue" of "appropriate dress and conduct" as a response to a letter from a person who was "deeply distressed by the behavior and appearance of some of the participants" at a weekend "event." In getting "a few things off [her] chest" Naomi perpetuates a prejudice against those who are not "like" her (as the letter writer did). At issue in this regard is what might be described as a cultural clash.

As Americans we are all familiar with the clashing of different cultures, often inseparable from different ethnic backgrounds. In colonizing this country, the Colonial People clashed with the Original People—how different things might be today if the cultures had meshed rather than clashed. Instead of waging war, imagine waging peace. Imagine evolution based on diversity rather than obliteration of those who "were not like us."

Naomi, who I respect and have enjoyed chatting with, as well as reading from, seems to slide too easily into the very thing she is "disturbed, shocked and outraged by" in her "Keynote Address": that of "sniping, griping, and complaining that has emerged from some segments of our community." She further states "I don't think any of us is so squeaky clean to be critical or insensitive to the thoughts and feelings of others." And this is a very fine line, of which it is incredibly difficult to draw. But the line already appears to have been drawn, and it surrounds what looks like an image of *acceptability* and *conformance*.

In citing "non-conforming," possibly "naive," or "deliberately destructive" public presentation and behavior, Naomi in effect is defining that docility and servitude to authority will promote the greater good. The authority in this respect appears to be those who have taken the right to define themselves as The Authority. One might even say this is an example of GenderLand's nascent "Gender Police," or "T-COPs." Only there are no written laws, just an enforcement branch (read about Nancy Burkholder's experience at the Michigan Womyn's Festival in the same issue). Look, if we gender-explorers really believed in conformance, we would not appear in public cross-gendered at all.

Remember The Holocaust?

To exclude those who are "not like us," is the beginning of artificial boundaries whose logical consequence is war. Naomi speaks "for the community"; I speak for myself. I am offended that White Heterosexual-Identified Males (WHIMs) continue to perpetuate sexism, racism, and genderism toward "others." The others in this case being, in fact, culturally different. I speak of: Gay males WHIMsically defined as "drag queens"; Bisexual, erotically motivated transvestites (bi, gay, or het); Cross-gendered sex workers; Exhibitionist gender-explorers. I

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speak against the idea that in order to gain "acceptance" everyone should modify their "style" to "change the way others see us." This is not how people find and realize their inherent potential; not a way to grow individually— it is a social pressure to"giveup"individual empowerment.

I am not advocating a free-for-all in "shock value"— I ask people to consider the cultural differences are based in ignorance, and instead of clashing, try meshing.

There is nothing the (minority) "respectable elements" of the so-called gender community can do about "non-conforming" behaviors and attire of the other (majority) segments. There will always be the exhibitionists, the erotic fetishists, the sex-workers, the cross-dressers who do not use a full guise to try and "pass" (there are many who do not even deal with the filter of "gender" to "justify" their attraction to cross-dressing). In my newsletter, I keep dropping clues as to how to differentiate between being of value to the culture-at-large as opposed to not being valuable—performing valuable actions; talk is cheap. (It seems the singularly valuable public contribution "cross-dressers" make is adding to the profit of hotels.)

I believe we have only begun to dialogue on what and who constitutes "our community." Until that dialogue becomes inclusive of a broader spectrum of ethnic, cultural, sex, and sexual perspectives, it would seem premature to define "community." On the other hoof (let me just pull it out of my mouth and read it), since the so-called "community" is already full of WHIMs, perhaps it would be preferable to "tighten the screws" on the lid of that fascist coffin and be more explicit as to who is excluded. Allow me to push that a little farther along— how about this for a "community label": The Fraternal Order Of The Aryan Sisterhood. Whoa! Gee whiz, I kinda went off "half-cocked" there for a minute, didn't I? Oh yes, indeedee, I did (I couldn't resist the pun— ha-ha, whoops, I mean, tee-hee).

Anyway, I liked Naomi's remark "Defining 'unacceptable' is not easy, however." The problem seems to be part and parcel of who is allowed to speak, to participate and to therefore define. And to the point that this issue is "sensitive"—I agree, and I do not believe there is a simple answer (Goddess, when somebody tells me "it's simple" I know whatever is coming is gonna be difficult). As far as the "right" to define "dress and conduct" codes for regional/national events goes, I agree the sponsors can do so, as long as their advertising is clear— however, it is not within their right to define such things for non-participants.

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Let Those Who Have Ears Hear

'Scuse me while I sharpen my nails. There, that's better. Nancy Cole touched upon some of the same aspects of discrimination in her article, but the issue I want to raise here is that of "building" a community from the top-down. GAL (Gender Alternatives League) tried to do that in 1990-91 and failed miserably—I believe—because of the heavy-handed pounding of "followers" into submission. While Nancy isn't beating people up (yet), the philosophy is inherently flawed, and may be the reason that factionalization is the rule in GenderLand. She does define the beginnings of a solution: "Exchange ideas, thoughts, and most important of all, accept the thoughts and ideas of those writing to you." I say: The basis for all good and great communication is an art, the art of listening.

However, Nancy also defines the War Of The Words (the Genderbet Soup mix of CD, DQ, TG, TS, TV; FTM, MTF, etc. speaking out) as "... a source of division, a division that separated rather than unified our Community." So, on the one hoof, ya gotta listen, but on the other hoof, if ya listen there is no community unification (or "building").

I suggest that if more effort was put into listening, the diversity of what "the community" consists of would become clear enough to realize one person, or a few "leaders" (self-appointed, of course) cannot "build" a community, but they could, with the help of many, many others, begin to form a web-like coalition of disparate elements— unity through diversity, not through uniformity.

Nancy also describes a binary construct of opposition where uncountable groups are defining who they are, as a "pulling apart, and not a pulling together." What is there to pull toward? Why come together (I know it's a pun, in fact it's a triple pun)? What goal would unify "the Community"? There is no war, no overbearing legal issue, in fact, there doesn't appear to be any singular goal other than the goal of being "unified" (is that like pouring liquid Jell-O into a mold and chilling it so it stays "unified"?).

The assumption "... there is no respected leadership to follow..." implies a hierarchical relationship: Leaders and followers. Nancy

implores the "national organizations," because they are the "fewest" and "easiest to gather together" to get together— that seems sure to piss off the "most" and "hardest to gather together," don't it? And, who wants to be "leader" and who wants to be "follower"?

I Am A Player

I've already suggested that it may be premature to define *Community*; let me add that I find it difficult—at best—to *select* representation of said *Community,* let alone "decide and define" leaders and followers prior to a general agreement of *Community* and representation of same.

What concerns me the most, as with Naomi's comments and dozens of similar newsletter comments around the country, is that a few people who are concerned primarily with "image" —as Nancy states: "We should be working our hoofies (slur to FTMs?) to the quick in an effort to present to our society the best and most positive image of who we are that is possible"— seem to value image over substance, which tends to "filter out" all the non-conformists from the spokesperson's vision.

I honestly feel that this will lead to more factionalism, racism, sexism, genderism, and ad nauseamism. I do not want to help build a community of oppression. I cringe every time I hear or read put-downs of men, of gays, of fetishistic attractions; I weep that ethnic minorities are elided; I grieve for all of us when reasons are put forth to clash rather than mesh.

Concluding This Blab

This is not the time for patriarchal WHIMs to "build" a "gender community." It is time to lay out the foundation that The House of Gender Alternative Persons will be built upon. That house could be black and white and all shades of gray; red, blue & green and all tints between; and full of boys, girls & 'tweens. Or, it can be a white-washed edifice propped up in front of a lean-to shack, on a tumbleweed-strewn street of an abandoned town that is sparsely populated by a few armed and pale penis people— welcome to The GenderZone.

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Transsexualism At 40

by Dallas Denny, MA

Forty years ago, Christine Jorgensen was in Copenhagen, Denmark, and not just to see the sights. She was undergoing the final stages of a series of hormonal and surgical treatments that would enable her to live the rest of her life as a woman, even though she had been raised as a boy, had duly grown into a man, and had even served a hitch in the U.S. Army. Her "sex change," as it came to be called, was hardly the first, but when the story was leaked to the newspapers, the headlines shocked the world, creating a media circus which has lasted for forty years.

Christine was the first indication most Americans, even those Americans with the same problem, had that such a thing as a change of gender was possible, or even conceivable; indeed, there was not even a commonly accepted label to assign to her. Now there is a word, of course, but the media circus has had its effect: to this day, the notion of transsexualism seems bizarre to most Americans, and transsexual people are commonly viewed in a stereotypic, one-dimensional fashion, rather than as the highly individualistic and talented people that they are. Even serious magazines look at transsexualism in a myopic way, dwelling upon transsexual people either as sex objects or focusing upon their pain or the miracle of their transition, missing the point that here is a phenomenon of great social and scientific significance.

So now here I come to deconstruct this fascinating phenomenon for you, to point out a little of what so many have missed. Why, of all people, me? I've asked myself that question many times. What moves me to write on a subject which most people find simultaneously intriguing and disgusting? Why do I not take my assigned place in the ranks of manhood or womanhood (as the case may be) and take gender for granted like everyone else?

The reason is that for many years it was impossible for me to take gender for granted. I had one; I wanted another. It was not something I chose for myself, but something which arose unbidden and could not be made to go away. The story of my personal quest is another story for another article, but its significance is that I have looked at transsexualism and its developing treatment system from both sides now, from up and down, from the bloody underside, as a transsexual person, as well as from above, as a social scientist. I have seen the wisdom and the follies of both perspectives, and, like a holograph, a vision has risen up, incorporating elements of both, and yet transcending them. This vision is one of transsexualism stripped of its newsworthiness, its sensationalism. It is Transsexualism, with a capital T, and it is an awesome and powerful entity, with multiple arms like a Hindu deity.

With the help of medical and other professionals, transsexual persons physically deconstruct and reconstruct their bodies, their behavioral patterns, and their social roles in order to bring them into consonance with their gender identities. This makes them biological, psychological, and social engineers; never before in history has there been such profound self-engineering.

Christine Jorgensen is a case in point. Her presentation as a woman was quite convincing. Slim and stylish, and reasonably pretty, there was nothing about her to suggest that she had not always been a woman. This made her transformation at the hands of her medical team all the more astonishing in an age in which refrigerators were white, telephones were black, boys were boys and girls were girls, and there were no shades of gray in between.

Articles about Christine, usually accompanied with "before" and "after" photos, were everywhere. She was in newspapers, magazines, newsreels, on the radio, and on that enfant terrible, television. Although the treatment was sensationalistic and carnival-like, the message was clear: here was a miracle of science, a man who had been turned into a woman by a series of surgical procedures. In an age of hydramatic transmissions and atom bombs, the average American believed that scientists could do virtually anything, that all of life's little problems could be fixed by a simple application of technology.

In terms of the medical treatments she had received, Christine's sex reassignment (a term not yet coined) had consisted of hormonal therapy and two surgical procedures: castration (removal of the testicles) and penectomy (removal of the penis). Later, after her return to the US, she was to quietly have yet a third procedure, vaginoplasty, in which a vaginal cavity was created in the Barbie-Doll-like groin her Danish surgeon had given her. But if her operations were what constituted her *sex change* in the popular imagination, it was the feminization caused by female hormones and electrolysis which shouted *woman* to the American public. Her surgery sites were invisible, but that smooth face, those blonde curls, those slim hands were right out there for everyone to see. If she was any less than a woman, it was not because of her appearance or demeanor, but only because of the particulars of a past which had been laid open by journalists as deftly as Christian Hamburger had once laid her male parts open with a scalpel. Christine was a new sort of person, a woman who had not always been a woman, a human

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being who had not been content with her biology and had, by damn, done something about it.

It was not physicians who had actually accomplished Christine's sex reassignment. No lancet, no hormone tablet can make a woman of a man. Christine herself was the driving force in her own sex reassignment. Certainly the medical procedures helped by making her outside congruent with her social presentation, but it was the sheer force of her will which set the process in motion, persuading reluctant physi-cians to undertake such a novel set of procedures. Although she did not wield the knife, Christine did her own sex change, moving into the female role with confidence and aplomb.

Jorgensen was a prime example of the intersection of the human condition and modern technology. Pills made from the urine of pregnant farm animals, plastic surgery techniques developed to correct deformities and repair disfigurements, doctors from Denmark—these were merely tools she used in orchestrating the metamorphosis she sought. She managed to conceive of the possibility of changing her sex, figure out that she would need medical help in order to do so and recruited physicians to give her that help; the project manager of a bold social experiment which lasted until 1991,when she died of cancer.

Christine was not only a medical pioneer, but a social pioneer and a role model for an emerging class of people. With no socialization or training at womanhood, she put on her high heels and went out into the world to slay dragons. She lived with dignity, and died with dignity, a spokeswoman for transsexualism, a pioneer, a woman.

Transsexual people redesign their bodies in the same way that some future bioengineer might redesign the human body for optimal functioning on a heavy gravity planet, or for underwater living. They monitor the cutting edge of medical and other knowledge and apply it to themselves, usually without the help and often without the permission of family, friends, clergy, teachers, governments, and helping professionals. They use hormones, plastic surgery, and electrolysis to fashion their bodies into a form that they find more acceptable than the ones their genes designed for them, and then they wear those bodies, venturing into society and creating a place for themselves. They similarly redesign their mode of dress, grooming, and hairstyles, coming to clothe and accessorize themselves in ways which are characteristic of their gender of choice. They change their careers, relationships, affiliations, and sexual liaisons. They change their names and identifying documents, disguise their paper trail, and in some cases, even concoct Orwellian retrohistories, fabricating past lives as the little boys or little girls that they never were.

Transsexualism is the logical gameboard on which to determine the freedom of the individual

Transsexual people must also alter their speech patterns, gestures, major motor patterns, and other aspects of their behavior so that they will be consonant with their new gender roles. This requires the unpacking of a great deal of psychological baggage, for they must unlearn behavior and thinking patterns which are typical of the gender in which they have been forced to live throughout their lives, and which they have been forced to exhibit. These must be deconstructed before the individual can learn to talk, move, and think like any other member of their chosen gender.

This human re-engineering, and not the actual genital surgery which morbidly fascinates the American populace, is the true significance of transsexual change. What is significant is not that penises and scrotums can be fashioned into vaginas or that a phallus can be made from the flesh of the arm, but that someone who is easily identifiable as a man can come to be identifiable as a woman, and vice-versa, by sheer will of self-determination (with hormonal assistance). This is exciting stuff, subject matter for science fiction stories, and it is happening now, in every city in America, and in practically every small town in America.

Not only are transsexual people self-designers of their new selves, but they must do their work in the face of the generalized ignorance and in the face of the hostility of society, and despite their own feelings of guilt and self-doubt. They re-engineer themselves without specialized training, usually without assistance of parents, spouses, authorities, and helping professionals, and often in the face of extreme financial adversity. They forge these new frontiers not with federal dollars in spotless laboratories, but under battlefield conditions, trying to change their bodies while simultaneously trying to preserve social relationships, get educations, keep jobs, have their teeth cleaned, and maintain the other trappings of a normal life.

Most transsexual people learn early on to play their gender cards close to their chest, for their attempts to reach out are frequently rebuffed—sometimes violently. Those who would ordinarily be turned to for help—parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, clergy, lawmakers, friends, and neighbors—are unlikely to understand, and even psychologists, counselors, and physicians are usually distressingly ignorant—sometimes even those who proclaim to specialize in the treatment of gender dysphoria. Those who are sympathetic and knowledgeable can be difficult to find, and resource material, although it exists, is rarely readily available.

Transsexual people have been maligned in the medical literature for being readers of that selfsame literature, as if their attempts at self-discovery were somehow shameful or presumptuous. Medical writers have seemingly not realized that it is the desire for self-exploration and discovery, the lack of support from the medical and other helping professions, and the general

unavailability of self-help books which drives transsexual people to the stacks of the medical libraries. Certainly, these critics have seemed unaware of their bias in making criticisms that they would never make about less stigmatized classes of people like diabetics or heart patients. After all, would a cancer patient be criticized in print in a medical journal for reading a book about cancer? Obviously not.

It is truly amazing that so many transsexual people are able to sort out their feelings, locate the appropriate medical references, diagnose themselves, and begin to seek treatment. It is even more amazing when they supervise their own treatment, for it is a near-impossible task to fill the roles of psychologist, social worker, physician, and vocational rehabilitation counselor. It is an indictment of these professions and of our society as a whole that so many transsexual persons have so often had to face their difficult journeys without help.

The history of the treatment of transsexual people is filled with injustice, hatred, ignorance, and occasionally, sympathy. Few minorities have been so discriminated against, and few things are so difficult to contemplate as changing one's gender. Transsexual people have been and continue to be viewed as so bizarre that they are usually not thought of as a minority, even by those who should know better. Like other minority groups before them, they are devalued—and being devalued, there are no safeguards and few checks to ensure their proper treatment, or safety.

Nevertheless, transsexual people have insisted on their right to self-determination, even to the point of civil disobedience. When I was unable to obtain treatment in the late '70s—when I was refused help by one of the university-based gender clinics and told that I was not dysfunctional enough to be a candidate for sex reassignment, that it was their decision that I would remain a man, and that as there was nowhere else to go, I could like it or lump it—I refused to allow them the right to that determination. I promptly found an extramedical and extralegal source for female hormones, and in essence reassigned myself. I was not the only one to do so, either. Not by a long shot. In the face of fear and confusion, thousands and perhaps tens of thousands of transsexual men and women have used every available means, legal or otherwise, to bring about the desired changes to their bodies. And having done so, many of us have become activists to ensure that those who come after us will not have to break the law in order to obtain treatment.

The parallel here to abortion is obvious, even though there is not the complicating issue of whether a speck of fetal tissue is or is not a human being. Both abortion and transsexualism have to do with the right of the individual to the freedom of the his or her own body, and both have come under attack from persons who would restrict that right. The opponents of abortion are the opponents of transsexualism, although they have in general been too busy with the former to give more than lip service to the latter. But the right to choose somehow disappears when genital modification becomes involved; many who support the right to terminate pregnancy cannot conceive that a mentally healthy human being would want his or her breasts or genitals altered to resemble those of the other sex.

Much more than abortion, transsexualism is the logical gameboard on which to determine the freedom of the individual to his or her own body. No other individual or potential individual is involved to cloud the issue; there is only one person, and his or her desire to change the genitals and secondary sex characteristics.

It is forty years since the "birth" of transsexualism, forty years since the notion of "sex change" burst upon the American scene like a supernova. Just as television, which is also for all practical purposes forty, transsexualism has begun to mature, to show its true nature, its potentialities. From *I Love Lucy* to *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, from Christine Jorgensen to Caroline Cossey, both television and transsexualism have matured. And as the horizons of television have broadened, giving us larger screens, hundreds of channels, home video recording, rental movies, and interactive video, so has transsexualism begun to broaden our notions of sex and gender, of the potentialities of human experience. Our culture is richer for transsexualism. Perhaps in another forty years, we will understand just how much richer.

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Transgendered & Proud

A Speech At The Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual March On Washington

by Phyllis Randolph Frye, Attorney

Listen Up!

I've something to tell you! Why is it that the first March and the second March and this third March does not have Transgendered in the name of the March?

The transgendered community includes crossdressers and transvestites, passing women and female impersonators, drag queens and male impersonators, and pre-, *non-* and post-operative transsexuals. We definitely include females-to-males as in Joan of Arc, George Sand, Leslie Feinberg and the transgendered women who fought bravely as soldiers in our colonial and civil wars. Knowing this, why is it that with two rally stages, all day long, there are no female-to-male transgendered speakers? We embrace all races, sexual orientations, creeds, religions, ethnicities, nationalities, ages and physical impediment. Why is it then, that with two rally stages, all day long, there is only one transgendered political speaker?

This, my friends, is a very unforgiving society for transgendered persons and their loved ones. While we were reared in one gender identity, we have a definite, true-but-opposite gender identity which must express itself. The empirical data show that being transgendered is not a matter of mere choice. No rational people do not take upon themselves such unrelenting and often hate-filled social pressures for a mere fling! Transphobia is at the heart of queerphobia.

We are here today in a grand effort to change law and social understanding. The FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY revealed that the transgendered have no legal protection and no employment protection. The transgendered require legal protection on the basis of *gender identification*. Together, my sisters and brothers, we must seek legal protection from discrimination on the basis of BOTH *sexual orientation* AND *gender identification*.

Listen to me. One of the ten legal strategies that we will develop at the second Transgender Law Conference this August in Houston will be to resist those surgeons who demand that heterosexual couples divorce as a condition to transgender surgery, even though both partners wish to remain married. Sex reassignment surgery on one half of an ongoing heterosexual marriage yields a same-sex marriage. Therefore, my lesbian, gay and bisexual sisters and brothers, it will be the transgendered community that leads you into the legalization of the same-sex marriage. Why, then, is transgendered not in the name of this March?

Our history reveals that the majority of those people who died at the beginning of the Nazi Holocaust while wearing pink triangles were the transgendered of all sexual orientations. Our history reveals that the real heroes in the Stonewall uprising were the transgendered, the leather cultists and the street hustlers who stood up to the bully cops and presented in-your-face resistance to being pushed around further. Why, then, are the transgendered being omitted and snubbed from the focus of the upcoming Stonewall 25? Sadly, the reward to the transgendered, the leather cultists and the street hustlers of Stonewall is condescension and stereotyping.

You see, pitting lesbians, gays and bisexuals against the transgendered is another of the bigots' ploys. It's called division. Many in the lesbian, gay and bisexual community resent being stereotyped as *crossdressing effeminates* simply because the bigots, the dividers, have successfully cast such with a pejorative label. Others in the transgender community resent being stereotyped as *homosexual/bisexual*

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simply because the bigots, the dividers have successfully cast such with another pejorative label, while we quarrel among amongst ourselves over stereotypes and labels, the bigots, the dividers that fire us, that resist our marriage, that refuse us our citizen's share, those bastards continue to win hands-down.

In order for us to resist this bigots' ploy, this division, we must today *embrace* each others' stereotypes. We must embrace each others' labels with pride. We must unite. We must go into Congress and into the State Houses speaking for lesbian and gay and bisexual AND TRANSGENDER - AND TRANSGENDER - say it - AND TRANSGENDER - and transgender rights. We must seek legal language that protects us on the basis of both "sexual orientation AND GENDER IDENTIFICATION." When you speak to your member of Congress, tell them House Bill 431 needs to be amended to add "and gender identification" — "sexual orientation and gender identification."

And in conclusion, when you see Sam Nunn, tell him that Phyllis Frye is an honorably discharged army officer. [Here was a military salute to the crowd.]

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March On Washington

by A. Participant

People thronged the streets. They all seemed to be heading for the same place, the Mall. It was April 25, 1993, and everyone was in Washington, DC. As I made my way through the streets, I marveled that there were so many people. I really had nothing to compare it to. I was 18 when Woodstock happened, but I didn't make it to that "love-in." I have gone to several rock concerts, but they were nothing compared to this.

As I walked through the multitudes on the Mall, I noticed that everyone was in an up-beat mood. People were chatting merrily and laughing and just generally having fun. But, they were also massing for the March. I headed for the area where everyone seemed to be going. I was looking for the transgender contingent. I had heard that Yvonne Cook-Riley was somewhere with a banner that she had brought from the IFGE office in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Rather than miss her and the others who would be marching with her, I followed the lead element of the March. I finally stopped at the corner of 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue. It would be the first turn of the marchers. Since I had followed the gay military veterans to this point, I knew I would not miss the transgender contingent.

There was an air of festival mingled with an air of serious purpose as the marchers paraded past. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the day as well as stating their purpose. Some of the marchers were rather crude in their suggestions to public officials, Sam Nunn in particular. Others were staid in their political chants. There was quite a bit of synchronized whistle-blowing. One group went by singing "Amazing Grace."

For every marcher that passed by, there were just as many watchers thronging the sidewalks and the edge of the street. However, the number of people gathered on the sidewalks dwindled as the march passed. Many joined the groups as the marched past.

I was asked to join the March twice during the four hours that I waited for the transgender contingent to reach this first turn. Once I had been invited to join a lesbian when they stopped for few moments. The woman who had asked me was slightly taken aback when I told her I was waiting for. "Honey, I thought you were one of us." It must have been the Gay Games IV sticker I was wearing on the sleeve of my blouse. The other invitation came when the Rhode Island (my home state) contingent passed by. Several of my college classmates and one professor were with the group. I seriously

considered joining my friends, but decided to wait for Yvonne and the others.

When the "Transgendered & Proud And We Vote" banner came in sight, I turned on my video camera to get it on film. However, the battery was dead. I quickly switched to the reserve battery, only to find that it was dead, too. (It later proved to be defective.) Fortunately, I had a small camera with me and I began to snap the shutter. After several photos, I introduced myself to some of the marchers and fell in step with them. They were a friendly group and accepted me into the fold.

As we marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, there were slogans chanted and general chanting by members of the group. In addition to the banner that led the group, there was a second banner from the Greater New York Gender Alliance. People watching the March cheered and clapped as we passed. Nowhere was there anyone who booed or jeered. Although there was one misguided soul almost opposite the White House. He had a large banner made from a white sheet. On it was printed some out-of-context reference to Timothy in the New Testament. Obviously this person thought that the words of that politically expedient biblical writer Paul were better than the words of Jesus. However, one can never tell.

When we reached the Mall, Yvonne led us down a gravel walkway toward the Capitol Building. We didn't walk completely to the building, but we did get close. After we stopped, we stood around and talked for awhile before splitting up. Eight of us decided to go to Chinatown for dinner.

Everywhere I looked,I saw fellowship, love, perhaps some understanding, and compassion. People were hugging, laughing, joined together for a greater purpose.

Later that evening, as I attempted to find my car (yes, I got disoriented and forgot where I left it), I saw the vestiges of the March. There were unused placards lying in piles, people were taking down the stages, and there were loving couples walking around everywhere, free to express themselves. A friend of mine who lives and works in the Washington area summed it up beautifully when she said, "There was a real fun-loving, live-and-let-live attitude in the city. Tolerance became the catch phrase. If people could learn to follow this philosophy all the time, then the world would be a much better place."

"There was an air of *festival* with an air of serious purpose as the marchers paraded"

The March on Washington may be over for this year, however, it is only one battle. The war is far from over!

When I got home I began watching the daily show of a televangelist. Instead of the love and tolerance and compassion that was demonstrated in Washington, he saw only intolerance and hatred. He is not alone. Another televangelist with a Sunday show saw pretty much the same thing. They really get my blood pressure up when they lie about things and spew hatred. Obviously, they know nothing of the teachings of Christ, only the hatred and intolerance a religion develops when it becomes mainstream. One of these men has gone so far as to offer a tape of the whole event disclosing the secret agenda of the gays and lesbians to usurp Christianity. Obviously he doesn't feel that all those Christians who marched are true Christians. However, he can't have much of the true events of the day on the tape since he has filled it with several hours of his "inspirational" sermons.

How was the transgender contingent viewed by these two men? Both used the term "disgusting Drag Queens." While I admit there were some flamboyant people in our group, I saw no one who was disgusting. But then, what should I expect from people who, in my opinion are hypocrites? For them, the Bible is only a tool to fit their own agenda. They pick and choose which passages they would use, ignoring the ones they feel do not apply. I could go on and on about these so-called "loving" Christians, but I won't. Suffice it to say, the enemy is still out there and still presenting a bigoted view of the March, gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals and the transgendered. As long as there is money to be made, they will continue to propagate their versions of hatred and intolerance, influencing those who are too lazy to think for themselves.

Our job, whether we choose it or not, is to fight back with love, truth and knowledge. That was one of the points of the March on Washington, to show strength and unity of purpose. To use a cliché, it is time to stand up and be counted, and time to make a stand! Several authors in *Tapestry* have written reams about uniting our community. Well, now is the time to engage the gears and get them turning. For surely, to paraphrase another cliché, if we don't hang together, the religious right will see to it that we all hang separately.

A Question of Balance

by Donna Mobley

Suzy purged last weekend.

"Never again," she told herself, as she tossed thousands of dollars worth of clothes into the Dumpster. "From now on," she told herself over and over, "I'm just going to be exactly who and what I am. No more pretending."

Familiar story, you say? Yes, we've all seen it happen, probably even done it ourselves a few times. We all know Suzy's decision won't last for very long. But her case is a little different.

Suzy's a trained and highly skilled professional in her field, intelligent and not given to irrational thought. She's always felt herself to have her life well in hand. But Suzy isn't dealing rationally with being a crossdresser; she's just ignoring it. Instead of learning to cope, she's walking away and pretending her problem isn't really there.

We all find out sooner or later we can't just ignore that "other" part of our being, that slightly out-of-step part of our totality. But Suzy's really convinced that she's going to do it. She's determined, and believes with all her heart she's going to do it, going to change her life forever.

Crossdressing ruined her first marriage. Suzy doesn't know it yet, but it's about to ruin her second.

Suzy just returned from her first convention, one of the many three-day events that are popping up all over these days. It took all her powers of persuasion, but she talked her wife into going with her. For three days, Suzy was in heaven. She learned more about clothes and makeup than she ever thought there was to know. She met many interesting people and made several new friends. More significantly, she went out in public for the first time. Together with two dozen others, she went on shopping trips and tours and dined in fine restaurants and was pleasantly surprised to discover that people didn't seem to mind. She almost fainted the first time a waitress called her ma'am.

At one of the dinners Suzy bumped into a word that was new to her: transgendered. While still a little giddy from her first outing, she met a charming person who seemed to embody all that Suzy had begun to dream about. She was living full-time as a woman. Suzy couldn't imagine a more perfect life.

Suzy spent hours in rapt attention as her new friend told her how wonderful it had been to get rid of all the "macho masculine baggage," as she put it. She told her how easy it was to obtain all the hormones she needed, how great it was not to have to use those silly falsies any more, how easy it was to put on her makeup now that electrolysis had wiped out the last trace of a beard, how free it felt to be out from under those ridiculous wigs after she'd let her own hair grow out.

Suzy was so enraptured by the thought of being able to live full-time in the feminine world, she overlooked a few pertinent details. Her friend was only 5'6" tall and very slender; she passed easily when she worked at it. She had a job that enabled her to work at home. She was single and had no heavy family or financial responsibilities. And at the age of 32, male pattern baldness didn't exactly loom large on her horizon, at least not yet.

Suzy's wife appeared to be enjoying herself at the event and Suzy was thrilled at her wife's apparent acceptance of the crossdressing. Yes, she had enjoyed herself and enjoyed meeting with some of the other wives. Suzy's wife, however, had discovered that even those who appeared to be accepting and tolerant often had a great deal of difficulty with their situations. The couple returned home feeling good about their weekend experience.

So, less than a year after coming out of the closet and only two weeks after returning from the convention, Suzy purged. The coats and ties, the clunky shoes, boxer shorts and pants, all headed for the Dumpster. Sam was gone forever. From now on, it was just going to be Suzy.

She had taken a giant leap away from her common sense, but nothing was going to dissuade her. Not the fact that no perm was ever going to hide the small but growing bald spot, or the fact that being over six feet tall with a build like an athlete made her a little conspicuous. The guys in the shop certainly wouldn't mind when Suzy suddenly started showing up at work. After all, hadn't she done pretty well out in public at the convention? People seemed to accept her quite well. She'd certainly need a lot of new clothes, but the money was there in the vacation fund. The kids would understand.

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Her friend from the convention had said she'd help her get started on hormones, and Suzy had visions of looking like Dolly Parton in time for the next convention, certainly by the end of the year.

While Suzy flitted about the house like a fifteen-year-old girl, her wife struggled to understand what had become of the man she'd married. And while Suzy was looking for a good electrologist, her wife was looking for a good lawyer.

I've heard some snickers and sensed a lot of smugness from a few of those who claim to be living full-time as women and seem to be doing well at it. There's a seeming attitude of condescension toward others in the transgender community. The full-timers sometimes act as though they've "graduated" to a higher plane than that of the "mere" crossdresser. It's not hard to understand why, and it's something we may all be prone to from time to time. But Suzy is seeing these people as role models for the kind of life she would like to live. She overlooks so many flaws in the picture.

I don't know a single full-timer who's making a living out there in the real world. Not one. They' re all retired, with a pension or other form of income that won't be threatened by their change in lifestyle. Or they're trying to make a living working in the gender community, selling one product or another or publishing something. Forget it, Suzy. There's no more money to be made in the gender community. Those who are making a modest go of it out there in the real world have the physical size and looks to make it work. People don't feel embarrassed to have them around. But my guess is ninety percent haven't got the looks or the build to pull it off. Passing for a few hours in the evening, under artificial light, and with another group of crossdressers is one thing. Doing it in daylight every day is quite another.

Without electrolysis, a lot of heavy makeup is going to be needed two or three times a day, and that stuff is hot and uncomfortable. Electrolysis is expensive and may take a couple of years to complete. A full, healthy head of hair may let you dispense with wigs for a while, but sooner or later Mother Nature will see to it that the wigs will come back out of the closet.

> "We struggle for identity in a world where MALE & *female* are presumed to be absolutes."

Having enough clothes for a couple of weeks in Provincetown is one thing; living full-time means having more than just one small closet full of clothes. Even bargain basement clothes are darned expensive, and you'll need lots of them.

Prescription hormones and regular care by a physician are going to be hugely expensive, and taking hormones without consultation with a doctor is dangerous in the extreme. Non-prescription, over-the-border hormones are even riskier, and they're not cheap, either. In any case, it could take years before they have any visible effect. The subtle emotional side effects, however, may become apparent much sooner. And if you're married, your wife is sure to be a little unhappy with other side effects.

Ah, yes; the wife. I don't know of one wife who is happily married to a full-timer. Not one. They may have tolerated the crossdressing, may even have come to accept and understand it. But your wife didn't sign on for a lesbian relationship, and that's what you're presenting her. You in a nightie next to her each night from now on means a short future together.

On the other hand, there's a slim chance it might work for a while if you have nothing more than a platonic relationship in mind. That's one of the other interesting little side effects of hormones.

You can tell her you're not really transsexual; insisting you're just a crossdresser who wants to live full-time. Tell her until you're blue in the face. She won't see any difference, and neither will anyone else. The odds the relationship will survive are pretty damned small.

Just who are we, anyway? What are we? Neither masculine nor feminine, somewhere in the middle in a gender role without definition, we struggle for identity in a world where male and female are presumed to be absolutes. Many of us spend the greater part of our lives trying to deny the feminine part of ourselves that causes so much confusion. When we finally acknowledged "her" and gave her expression, it was an uplifting experience. For others, recognition of the feminine side is painfully difficult. But sooner or later, most of us find our self-acceptance and begin to define that middle gender for ourselves. We find that gender role where we can draw on the best of both sides to create the special and unique person residing within.

Suzy isn't on the road to self-acceptance. Denying Sam is as pointless as denying Suzy. Instead of dealing realistically with being a crossdresser, Suzy's running away to a Premarin-induced Never Never Land where all her problems will disappear. Denying you're a male won't make you a female. Neither will chemicals and neither will the surgeon's knife.

We tend to accord higher status and stature to those who best exemplify all those feminine virtues we try so hard to emulate. Perhaps it might be well to acknowledge those who attain a much tougher personal goal, the integration of both masculine and feminine.

While being able to live and work full-time as a woman may be a viable option for a very small percentage of us, most of us are going to have to find our true selves in that gray area between the genders. We're dual-gendered. We have to discover and develop the two opposite poles of our personalities and bring them together until they merge and

strengthen each other instead of pulling us apart. Stand squarely on both feet and you have a balance difficult to upset. Stand on only one leg and your balance is so delicate it takes very little to topple you. Finding the balance takes time and patience, but it's worth the effort.

We invariably begin our talks and lectures by telling the audience that all men have a feminine side and all women have a masculine side (in varying degrees, of course). Yet the more we develop the feminine, the more we tend to reject the masculine. Some of the worst male-bashing I've heard came not from militant feminists or from gay women, but from right here in the gender community.

That rejection almost seems to border on self-hatred. Denying we're male won't make us female; nothing will. Rejecting the feminine part won't make us "real men"; we know this from experience. We need to search for our true selves in that middle gender zone where we can develop and utilize the best of both.

Finding balance brings all our parts into a wholeness that's closer to who we really are. Even if we don't reject the masculine totally, it can suffer badly from neglect.

Last spring I found myself in the position of having nearly lost touch with that part of me (not that there was ever much there that I could identify clearly as the All-American Man). I had little or no social life outside the gender community. Donna had friends all over the country; Don, not a one. And yet with all Donna's friends, I found myself becoming quite lonely. There was an enormous void her friends didn't fill completely. I seemed to be hopping around on one leg, trying vainly to keep my balance and still go somewhere. It wasn't working.

So I hung up the clothes for a while and shoved the makeup kit into a drawer. I set out to rediscover that part of me that was hung in the closet where Donna's stuff used to hang. I planted BOTH feet on the ground and walked away for a while. And from that little distance I began to see a little more clearly what had been happening to me and to many of my friends. We were trying to be whole by denying one of the parts.

A small card containing a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson has sat on my desk next to this typewriter for more years than I can remember. I found it in his "Essay on Self Reliance" when I was in high school. The card is yellowed from age and a little tattered, but the words on it ring out as clearly now as they did when I first read and memorized them nearly twenty-five years ago:

Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation; but of the adoptive talent of another, you have only an extemporaneous half-possession. . . . Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.

That balance point differs in each of us. One side or the other may loom large or small. We may dress every day, once or twice a week, once a month for a chapter meeting, or even just once or twice a year. The degree is immaterial. When the needs of both sides are met and can be expressed, the balance is there. Reject, neglect, or deny either part and the wholeness is gone. The balance is destroyed.

I'm neither a man pretending to be a woman nor a woman pretending to be a man. I'm dual-gendered and happily so. Don and Donna coexist and together they make up who and all that I truly am. To lose either part would leave me empty, since neither can exist without the other.

In my home, we both wear the pants.

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The Dress Hunt

by Lois Commondenominator

My instinct tells me I can't keep ignoring ideas and places I'm warned from exploring. Lore pours from dim corners inside of my brains that lured ancient cave dwellers onto the plains. How we howled at the moon and walked the walk, sang all the tunes and talked the talk. Beat the drums and chanted the chants, grunted the grunts and danced every dance. Made holy circles and lit the fires, prayed the prayers and sang the choirs. Now we take out the trash and mow the lawn – it also happens to be time to slip those 5-inch spiked black patent leather heels on!

The ritual of the Dress Hunt can be traced way, way back to the Flintstone Epoch. Actually, it's not much of a hunt anymore, unless you count clicking the remote control and hunting through the myriad of cable channels until you come upon QVC with credit card and cordless phone at the ready for the first sign of fashions that are forgiving. So, you've decided to come to West Hollywood for Halloween and join the festivities on Santa Monica Boulevard! What a perfect, yawn, time to, yawn, be your, yawn, fem self. *(Yawn!)*

If you're the type that thinks it's fun to pass in public on a junket to the mall during California Dreamin', you're invited to join in on another type of fun! Your presence is hereby requested to join your Drag Queen cousins on our special night and give the gay ghetto tourists who are trolling for a gawk something to cover the young eyes of their toddlers in tow over!
We love a parade!

Now that you've forgiven me for my penchant for run-on sentences, that is the least of the challenges I have thrown in your path. You must decide if you wish to call yourself Flame Boyant, red-headed siren du noire; or possibly Bertha DeBlues (fresh from church choir); or maybe organize your friends to wear identical '60s outfits and go as the Dynels, a famous all-girl singing sensation that were known more for their hairdos than for their hits. Let's be realistic about what's available in the stores, thrift shops and catalogs. If money is no object and time is short, then renting a costume or having one custom-made might be your best bet. If you're like me and you're on a budget with all the time in the world, then you can't miss out on the throwback to the ancient hunter/gatherer spirit in us all—the male bonding experience of the Dress Hunt!

Going on the Dress Hunt is an experience complete with weapons and quarry; our money is as green as the next guy's, and manufacturers aren't telling everything they know about the range of sizes they produce. The Dress Hunt means rummaging through used clothing stores, schlepping downtown to the garment district, doing and saying things in public you thought you never could or would. It means giving up your Saturday mornings and wandering around the half-sizes racks at Needless Mark-up. It means trying on ladies' dresses in the men's dressing rooms. It means controlling your temper when you tell the ignorant minimum-wage-earning sales help that you'd like something for yourself for Halloween, and they tell you you're out of luck because there wasn't anything in Orange and Black in the last shipment. Going on the Dress Hunt means that you can trust your friends to hand you down their toss-offs, last year's look - the outfit they wouldn't be caught dead in a second time. That is, as it turns out, what friends are for.

Before you even think of buying the shoes, you must determine the style and color of the dress you are going to wear. This is assuming that your foot can be accommodated by ladies' shoe sizes available on planet Earth, or that you're willing to taunt the blister spirits by walking around on concrete in heels all night, or you show a little bit more flexibility when it comes to such a fetish item. Not to sound superior to Drag Queens who opt for the high-school-cheerleader-look, but just how much of a good hunt was it to find a pair of sneakers and socks for that "exotic" ensemble? Another important thing to remember is that whatever you wear, you'll have to drag your "special effects" around with you the entire evening. Make sure you really can't live without being Tippy Hedron in "The Birds," complete with telephone booth, stuffed birds and a bloody forehead. I generally like to go out as A Man Dressed In Women's Clothing - it's the scariest thing I can think of to be on Halloween!

The Little Black Cocktail Dress is a time-honored look, and the pickings are still good for a few more seasons since there are zillions of them still around from the '60s. It goes so well with a $1 string of faux (that's fake for you neophytes) pearls and a perky bouffant (read helmet-shaped) wig, teased into submission by the local wigatorium. Shoes can be sensibly low heeled or stiletto, depending on your degree of inebriation at the time you agreed to

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leave the house in them. New or used handbags are always in plentiful supply. Add some dark Queen-size (what else?) pantyhose, and call yourself Maybelline Rubenstein. Speaking of "gently worn" garments (read used), I haven't caught any social diseases from them yet, but if you're the squeamish type, it doesn't hurt to investigate the willingness of the local dry cleaners to tackle 30-year-old taffeta before the big night.

Doing the 1920s has its advantages - flappers had flat chests and dresses had dropped waists, perfect for us curveless males. Here's your chance to be the gun-moll you've always dreamed of being, with flask held tightly by a gently yet somehow firmly constricting lace garter. Hair was short, simple and bobbed, another plus to this look. And what could be a better occasion to get some double duty out of your collection of feather boas. Yet another plus is that the '60s brought back some similar designs which makes this look easily available and therefore a winner. The 1920s was the first decade that liberated the female form from corsets, so if cinching's your thing,
try another period.

Moving along the time line, the next big change was in the 1940s. Drag Queens love the 1940s because shoulders were made to look broad and padded, and one could recycle the Andrews Sisters look with army surplus uniforms, hats and sensible shoes. Glamour was a part of that decade too, what with the spate of Carmen Miranda wannabes that come out of the woodwork on schedule like cicadas.

As the New York Drag Queen Silver once said on NBC's *Real Personal,* "What's the use of being a Drag Queen if you're going to wear pants?" I wholeheartedly agree, unless you're like me and find that pantyhose just aren't as toasty as leggings on a crisp October night. Oh, sure, some get around the breeze-between-the-knees factor by wearing flesh-colored tights under patterned hose, which is what I do to avoid shaving my gams. Even when it's particularly warm and I only wear the patterned hose, any hair that shows is due to the fact that, as I explain to anyone who gets close enough to eye my stems and brings up the point, I'm a liberated woman who's burned her bra and traded in her Flicker.

> "What's the use of being a *DRAG QUEEN* if you're going to wear pants"

Spandex pants are particularly good for the glamour element, adding sheen to your fabulous '50s starlet pose, hiding your non-waistline with a belted white business shirt you've stuffed with large balloons. I've always had a fondness for the 1950s. Before Unisex, before retro, before grunge, there was the 1950's. Crinolines and hoops, poodle skirts, shirtdresses, gloves, leopard-spotted coats, pedal pushers, seamed stockings, hats, pink and black color combinations, high heels, sandals, Capezio flats, cone-shaped breasts, ankle bracelets, "cat" glasses with rhinestones, girdles, prom gowns, angora sweaters, corsages, wide belts, one-piece swimsuits, foundation garments, Marilyn Monroe. Marilyn has so much allure to Drag Queens because of the accentuation of movement, speech, breathiness and femininity.

From *Camelot* to *Laugh In,* the 1960s were a pivotal period in fashion. Just watch a few episodes of *Get Smart* and take note of anything Barbara Feldon wore as Agent 99 and you'll have a general idea of what to look for. The problem with this period and beyond is that with retro fashions, designers have been rehashing everything over and over again ever since. How can one know if you're wearing a peasant look or simply trying to look like a peasant? Modern styles are legitimate if you're going as the Avon lady, a member of the women's caucus at a Clinton rally, a flight attendant, nurse, bag lady, bride, Hillary Clinton, Marge Simpson, a nun or the identical twin sister you never had.

When sorting through women's fashions, remembering functional aspects can help us transform into creatures who come equipped to cast door-opening and cigarette-lighting spells on unsuspecting (or very suspect) prey. Slits and pleats, aside from their aesthetic nature, give us goose-stepping males more room to cover our regular footage. Mincing along is fine for restrictive clothing, but staying in character is only guaranteed for the first hour of any outing of this nature.

False nails are a nice touch for the detail-conscious queens, but they are a bitch when nature calls and pantyhose need rolling down. I consider false nails accessories. Accessorizing adds to the price of any look, and the effort that goes into it, but with a sharp eye, one can scoop up a treasure chest of Drag jewelry and baubles while still holding onto the family jewels. Exploding supernova brooches scream 1950s, while rhinestone chandelier earrings can claim almost any decade.

What Drag Queens wear on Halloween, however, has a strange way of echoing onto next year's high fashion runways. It isn't really that hard to imagine there's at least a few couturiers clip-clopping next to us all busy taking mental notes. If a Drag Queen can turn heads in the latest incarnation of the potato sack, then certainly a real woman should too. This leads to the problem of Drag ensembles becoming ever more scarce, so my next-to-final note to you is never, never throw out your Drag. Even though your friends will hand you down their rejects, you'll always end up with a new Drag buddy who needs help at the last minute. And, finally, get plenty of film and batteries for the camera for the big night, and makeup and nail-polish remover for the following day. See you out on The Boulevard, Miss Thang!

Myths & Realities of Perversion

by Belinda Doree

It constantly amazes me how many people are into bondage!
—Ann Landers, November 1987

If there is to be a brave new world, this generation is going to have the hardest time living in it.
—Gorkon, Chancellor of the Klingon High Command

The outside world sees all variant gender expression as one general mass of behavior. We, of course, know different. We have created a battalion of acronyms and terms to describe all the different types of crossdressers and where they fit in the spectrum of gender expression. I would like to discuss fetishistic sexuality and where it fits in the gender community.

In the gender community as a whole, the topic of fetishistic sex makes people very uneasy, and gets treated like some unsavory secret. You may have noticed, however, that an awful lot of TVs are pretty kinky, at least in their presentation. Despite this high incidence, this phenomenon doesn't get much attention in mainstream publishing circles. It is both galling and ironic when representatives from IFGE's Speaker's Bureau treat this fraction of the gender community as if it is some numerically insignificant subculture out on the fringe. This creates lines of division where none should exist. This keeps many fetishists from learning that their crossdressing may gender oriented, or at least enjoyable as an activity in itself. It also excludes people with formidable energy, talents and powers from the crossdressing clubs.

SOME STANDARD RHETORIC

Can it be that fear and ignorance are doing their merry work? Some people might be surprised at what they would learn if they would remember their own admonition to, "Keep an open mind."

First and foremost, fetishists are people, individuals, not one-dimensional husks of flesh. The fetish community, like the gender community, is composed of men and women from every cultural, economic and educational background. It includes people of every conceivable sexual orientation, falling along the whole spectrum of gender expression.

It is too bad people don't look past the shells we show to society, through the images of men in wigs and women in leather with their whips, and into our souls. They would see that we value trust and friendship; that we fear rejection and failure. We have needs to feel wanted and appreciated. We react like anybody else when cornered into an environment of isolation. People would learn that many of us participate in and support the very institutions that would condemn us to ridicule or worse. People would realize *that* burden has a more negative influence on us than any torrid fantasy. People would discover that everything that is required for a rewarding relationship with taboo sex is exactly what is required for any relationship.

GETTING DOWN TO SOME BRASS TACKS

Yes, we are talking about sex, kinky sex, variant sex, BIZARRE sex; sex that is inundated with terms like bondage, discipline, sadism, masochism, domination and submission. There are some who have difficulty identifying with the world of passion revolving around fetishistic sexuality. They get especially agitated about concepts like dominance and submission. The connotations of these words can be subjugation, coercion, power abuse and violence. This is hardly a public relations bonanza! The unspectacular truth, though, is that fetishistic behavior, stripped of the culturally induced hysteria surrounding it, is nothing more than focused and ritualized eroticism.

The dominant sets up the scene and orchestrates the role-playing. The master/mistress sets the pace, tone and atmosphere, guiding the submissive through a fantasy world. There is usually a script of some kind, but the dominant will also have some "surprises" to be inserted depending on the reactions of their partner. The true dominant only finds pleasure when their submissive "slave" or "maid" is absolutely drunk with ecstasy.

The submissive, having none of these responsibilities, is free to let go of all rational concerns and concentrate on, absorb and enjoy the eroticism generated. I could argue that it is the submissive who is being "served" by the dominant. The submissive gets all the attention. The submissive tells the dominant what items should be on the menu, which will be served and in what order. You haven't lived until you have seen two stubborn mules pouting at each other in sexual frustration, both declaring that it is *their* turn to be tied up and ravished.

Sex is an interactive activity. A submissive can react to be pleasurable to the dominant. The whole spectrum can be traversed to the point where the submissive is totally and willingly devoted to the desires of the dominant, and derives their own pleasure, physical and psychological, from that. The interaction is a dynamic, creative process, one that cannot be reduced to a catch phrase, or to a stereotype.

OBJECTIFICATION

In the fetish world, to objectify someone is to make them the center of your existence. Your capacity for absorption, empathy, awareness, conceptualization is totally concentrated on the person in front of you. To be objectified is to be desired completely, without reservation. It is a primordial state of mind where you are totally cocooned in mental and physical sensation; all your protective cultural shells have been discarded. The submissives can find themselves in a state of focus where every

stimulus, even something as minor as the tone of the dominant's voice, is eroticized. It is a self-perpetuating loop of ever-increasing sensation. You go bonkers, and you keep wallowing in ecstacy until physical and mental fatigue obtrude in your consciousness.

EXTRAPOLATIONS

It is important to realize that these processes can and do apply to traditional forms of sexual behavior: a husband sending the children away and arranging a weekend in a penthouse with his wife, the wife greeting her husband at the door in lingerie and orchestrating an evening of delights, lovers arriving separately at a bar and pretending to pick each other up for the first time. In everything from flirting to foreplay to intercourse, the full spectrum of dominance and submission can be experimented with and explored. One can go through the checklist of terms used in fetishism: ritual, discipline, punishment, fantasy, role-playing, sensory manipulation, sexual transcendence and the archec bodies, and overcoming resistance and see that they all have parallels in traditional sexuality, and vice versa. The names may be less intimidating, "active" and "passive," for example, but all are techniques for building erotic tension intensifying and physical sensation. The only true differences are surface application and personal need.

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE . . . BUT IT HAS COMPLICATED THINGS

People's tastes and needs vary. The stimulation of all one's senses in sexual activity is subject to an astronomical diversity of variation. Has it ever occurred to people who denounce other people's sexuality that a lot of people simply would not like their tastes in sex? Mutually satisfying sex, especially over the long term, requires honest communication, trust and friendship. It is these elements that should be stressed and judged. Everything else is cultural boondoggle: self-centered agendas that only make it harder for people to find compatible partners.

Sex is often regarded as the great divider between men and women. It does not have to be that way. A major problem lies in the fact that every self-proclaimed do-gooder has tried to standardize sex, like so many metric nuts and bolts. These respected pillars of the community do society no good. If one extrapolates this desire for sexual uniformity to religion, skin color, culture and language (and, hey, let's throw in gender expression), one gets a feel for its destructive potential. There have been such stigmas and taboos placed on sexuality that even married couples, and people about to get married, are often afraid to discuss their sexual needs with each other. They, "take a chance," and hope it works out. I wonder how many people have had to fight loneliness and fears of rejection because their sexual tastes/orientation did not match some fictional norm.

It is too bad people don't look past the shells we show to society; images of

men in wigs

and

women in leather...

and into our souls

An insidious barrier that can be raised between the groups of fetishists and of straights is that of contempt. We must recognize contempt as a liar's method to find self-worth. I am sure that people could wear out *Roget's Thesaurus* creating novel insults for each other. One side can see the other as sexually dysfunctional perverts in need of an armada of masturbatory aids. On the other hand are the pretentious Ice Age rubes whose sexual awareness is as advanced as Neanderthals rutting in the mud, simple minded brutes who have yet to sort out the difference between feeding . . . and dining.

Labels and stereotypes are crutches for the mind. They save people from thinking, but not from judging. Even positive stereotypes restrict people in their options, laying the seeds for conflict. A couple that practices the wildest of the exotic arts should not feel contempt for a couple that finds happiness and satisfaction in holding and caressing each other. Nor should the second couple see the other's use of ritual and fantasy as a sure sign of degenerate inferiority. Both should be willing to learn from each other. For this to happen, each must understand the variety that sexuality can have and feel totally at ease with where they fit. There must be a level of understanding that allows for the true respecting of individual rights, not something that would only work in some neatly cloned version of *Happy Days*.

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE DYNAMICS OF POWER IN SEX

The picture in my mind of the women's movement has always been one of empowerment. It is a movement in which women allow themselves the ability to be who and what their individual desires and capabilities allow, not letting their sex or their gender arbitrarily keep them from that end.

What with the emphasis on restraints, paddles, dominance and submission, most feminists have understandably taken a dim view of fetishistic sexuality. Understandable, but unfortunate. I feel they have confused the role of power in sex with empowerment. I do not want to turn biological urges into mystical rumblings, but sex is a transference of energy, it is power. The only form of sex I know of that doesn't have the use of power is masturbation. In fetish there is a conscious use of power, it is a channel through which erotic energy is carried. True fetishists have at the least an intrinsic gut feel for this. Many often use this as the only channel through which energy is generated. Many submissive fantasies involve simply

being put on display, being ravished decadently by their partner's eyes. The anticipation of physical contact, not knowing when, or if it's to come, can provide hours of invigorating sensation.

The fetish world does not confuse this with empowerment. Indeed, all the literature for dominants stresses the necessity of identifying the needs and desires of the submissive. It is common etiquette for both parties to agree on "safe words" to stop activity in case of any real duress. The use of these code words is inviolate. To put that in the perspective of traditional intercourse, if the woman were to say, "Stop!" the man would stop immediately. There is no gray area here. In fact, given the situations we find ourselves in, our attitude on this can rival that of the most ardent feminist. Unlike most "normal" men, we can glimpse how a woman must feel when violated, or when sleeping with a man who is both larger and stronger than she.

In fetish circles, dominant has always signified a role in sex. It has never been confused with a position of self-indulgent or culturally acceptable empowerment. In the fetish world there are no gender stereotypes about which sex plays the dominant role. Male and female are equally viable as dominant or submissive. In fact, the best dominants are those who have had ample experience in the submissive role. Fetish etiquette encourages that the dominant not make the submissive do something they themselves have not tried out. This is not just for reasons of safety; for many dominants it is an act of self-interest. It is an empathy-building exercise; a need to know, to be able to relate to what and how the submissive is feeling.

In "normal" wholesome sex, the active or dominant role has been symbolized with empowerment. It has been politicized to the point that women, whatever their likings, are being urged to take the dominant role in order to ensure empowerment. Many men, ingrained by biology and trained by culture have never understood the proper use of power in enhancing the sexual experience. They have never learned that for a current to be carried, you need connections at both ends. Instead of using power as a channel for eroticism, many men use it only in raw physical and economic ways to enforce their own empowerment. The partners wind up with sex without empathy. Comparing this to the stylized role-playing of fetish is like comparing an arsonist who likes the smell of smoke to someone burning incense.

Many fetish couples, although they may turn their rec rooms into dungeons and treat each other as love slaves, wind up treating each other with more dignity and respect than more conventional couples; and they have a lot of fun, too.

FACING THE ARCH FIEND— THE CONCEPT OF "NORMAL"

Sex is a psychological and emotional affair, not an academic one. Michelle Pfeiffer in a latex catsuit is not the product of a logical deduction. It is one thing to lecture on how bondage can channel and amplify physical sensation, how it allows one to remain in constant muscular tension right up to the point of climax. It is quite another when you are all wrapped up in ribbon and tape with your eyes bulging out of their sockets as some vixen drags her nails across your panties. I mean, what would Aunt Millie say? Sex, if anything, is irrational. It should therefore come as no surprise that people's reaction to other people's tastes in sex, particularly when graphically displayed, is not an intellectual one, but rather a gut response. I remember a fetish group meeting where they showed a gay S & M film. I lasted three minutes. "You mean people actually get off on this?" I said. You have to understand. I may have been dealt some unique cards, but deep down, I'm really a prude!

No permanent harm done here. I don't like spicy foods either. The real problem is when people bring out, "It's not noormaal!" Let's face it, people have arguing about "normal" since our cave-dwelling ancestors figured out there was more than one way to skin a cat. There are all kinds of norms: statistical, cultural, religious, legal and multiple combinations thereof. Matters are not simplified when these norms change over time, or with a half-hour's drive in any direction. It gets worse when Councils of the Uprighteous seize the moral high ground and denounce other norms as being at least immoral, if not downright evil.

When you apply the Dogma of the Morally Pure to something simple like interior decorating, you get a mess. When you apply it something complicated like sex, you get a mess that isn't pretty. The gods of hypocrisy run rampant. Weeping evangelists and morality police are seen leering through confiscated pornography. When someone turns up their nose at how others express themselves, they should wear a sign that says, "I'm insecure. Please be like me so I don't feel all alone. I need a life."

FORMULATING A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF PREJUDICES AND BIASES

If it is the complexity of the human mind that has led to such a variety of sexual activity, can the human mind also sort out the rules for that activity? If you took away all the egotism, the self-serving interests, the rhetoric, the hidden agendas, the misinformation, the terror, the guilt, and all the pseudo-Freudian pop psychology, you would get to those norms that count: any sexual activity between live human beings must be conducted on the basis of mutual consent and mutual concern for their partner's welfare and desires. The two must go together. Just one or the other doesn't count.

These two norms, applied concurrently, transcend all the variety that sexuality can have. They have stood the test of time, place, and culture. With respect to humanly created values, they are absolutes and cannot be refuted. If society's resources were concentrated on countering deviance from these norms, a lot of the problems surrounding sexuality would be cleared up, quickly, and to everyone's benefit. When both of these norms are adhered to, the how of people deciding to enjoy themselves together becomes irrelevant. These norms and no

others should be the basis of any judgment. When one of these norms is broken, it doesn't matter if the sex is straight, gay, dressed in leather, or painted gold, you get something really ugly. You don't need a PhD in psychology to figure that out.

People must realize that what makes people good or bad is not how and where they secrete their bodily fluids, but their values, ethics and morals, and how they use these in everyday life. You cannot judge people on the basis of only one surface criterion. That is the same as judging on the basis of gender, language or skin color. It's called bigotry.

I have always seen crossdressers as being the nexus of so many segments of society: male/female, gay/straight, etc. I've almost come to the conclusion that we transcend the limitations of language, that we should slow down pounding ourselves into a pulp trying to define ourselves, often at the risk of building our own prisons. Although our diversity presents us with obvious hurdles, it also provides us with incredible opportunities since we are presented with so many ways of looking at things (and such a variety to look at). I don't think, as a community, it is to our benefit to take "sides"; instead, we should work to bring people together, and our community is a good place to start.

We must learn to equate the word different with the word opportunity. We do that by learning to think, to think independently, without bastardizing linguistic reference points into stereotypes, and then into dogma. We must realize that open minds are prerequisites for open hearts. We must prove that nothing is as detrimental to an individual, and then to society, as not allowing them to do things they do well simply on account of who they are. If we can do this within our own community, I think we will have something that society in general will be interested in. There's a bull market out there! If people resist this, then concepts like equality will never be more than laws in a book. They must be an accepted fact of life.

Although the specific subject matter covered here may be a little unusual, the message I have tried to convey should sound familiar. Treating others as you would want them to treat you . . . we are all brothers . . . love your neighbor . . . are philosophies and moralities that have been around for a long time. People pay a lot of lip service to these ideas, but we don't seem to realize what they entail, how much empathy is required, or, failing that, how much conditioned fear has to be overcome to live by these precepts.

Achieving Equality

by Laura Masters

There is a growing realization in human rights circles that we cannot achieve a humanitarian society if we treat everyone identically. We must recognize difference and concentrate on *appropriate* and *equitable* rather than *same* when resolving equality issues. It should take only minor reflection to see that fair treatment for a disabled person is very different from fair treatment for an athlete. Our best objective is to ensure everyone *equal access to society.*

What, then, constitutes equal access to society? In principle, it means making sure that social features (law enforcement, medicine, employment, housing, services, etc.) are equally available to everyone. In practice it usually amounts to recognizing the unique needs of specific groups and providing appropriate adjudication when a denial of someone's equal access to society does occur.

This is where TransEqual enters the picture. We hope to ensure that each transsexual and transgenderist has appropriate legal recourse available to them at all times. And that they can fight back (and hopefully win) when their equal access to society is withheld or systematically altered.

Discrimination is a single event that denies a person equal access to society. Complaints of discrimination must be demonstrated in three ways. First, the complainant must have been treated differently from how others are treated in the same circumstances. Second, (s)he must have been treated differently by one agency than by another. And, third, the discrimination must have occurred for a specific reason.

To clarify, let's consider a simple example. Mary is a transgenderist who routinely shops at Voolco and tries on women's clothes in the women's changerooms with no problem, but when she decides to shop at J-Mart, she is refused try-on privileges because, "We don't let males use the ladies' changerooms here." This meets all three criteria: J-Mart treated Mary differently from the other women there, Mary was treated differently in J-Mart than she was in Voolco, and the different treatment occurred by reason of Mary's maleness. J-Mart discriminated in provision of facilities on ground of sex, and a human rights complaint could be filed.

Oppression is the systematic use of discrimination to limit a group's access to society. One severe examples of oppression in Canada is the operation of the gender clinics. This practice meets the three criteria of discrimination. First, these clinics treat transsexuals differently from

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how they treat other patient groups; second, they treat their transsexual patients differently from how other clinics treat these same patients; and third, the difference in treatment is because of the patients' discomfort with their sex. This is discrimination in medical services because of sex. The criterion for oppression, that of broad application to a group, is met when we consider that the discrimination is embedded into the clinics' policies and affects all sex-change candidates equally.

There are, of course, many other examples of oppression and discrimination. Some, like the treatment of transsexuals and transgenderists in jails, are so blatant as to rival the atrocities of the holocaust. Others, such as receiving a disproportionately small pay raise, are so subtle as to often go undetected. All must eventually be challenged.

If we are to overcome the many limitations upon our equal access to society, there are a number of things that must happen within the transgenderist and transsexual communities.

1) We must stop all the backbiting and bickering that goes on between groups, and we must especially put a halt to it within each group. Until we can demonstrate group consciousness and common agendas, we are going to remain utterly powerless within society.

2) We must absolutely demystify our existence. The days of magical explanations and sweeping generalities must come to an end if we are ever to be understood by the public, or within legal processes. Confused expressions like, "I've always felt female," when uttered by an obviously male person contribute nothing whatsoever to the public understanding of our situations.

3) We need to acknowledge that transsexuals, transgenderists, and transvestites are indeed three separate groups with different agendas. In my recent negotiations with the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC), fully half our time was spent sorting out reasonable delineations between these groups. Our first point of agreement was that we needed verypragmatic definitions if the new policies are to hold up in a courtroom. The following is taken from a draft copy of the new CHRC guidelines:

> A **Transvestite** is a person who sometimes wears clothing society assigns to the opposite sex, but who does not perceive her or himself as being of a gender that is in conflict with her or his biological sex.
>
> A **Transsexual** perceives his or her gender to be different from her or his biological sex, will often live according to gender, and will often have surgery to change biological sex.
>
> A **Transgenderist** is a term used to describe a man (gender) in a female body (sex), or a woman (gender) in a male body (sex) who lives as her or his gender without necessarily feeling the same need to change her or his sex as would a transsexual.

4) We must separate ourselves from the gay and lesbian community—hopefully in an amicable way. One of the most prevalent erroneous assumptions the public makes about transsexuals and transgenderists is that we are motivated by extensions of homosexuality. Until we eliminate this particular error from public and clinical thinking, we are going to constantly fall victim to both the prejudices against the homosexual community and those against our own community as well. We can rid ourselves of half our problems simply by establishing separate group identities.

5) We must fight to eliminate the mental illness model of our situations. We have been needlessly tossed into the 'disorder' bin by nothing more scientific than the bigotry of the psychiatric profession. The belief that we are crazy, no matter how carefully we couch it in politically correct language, is the biggest source of discrimination and oppression in our lives.

We should neither need nor want special care or consideration because of our transgenderism or transsexualism. Our problems are imposed upon us by an unaccepting society. We do not need to change, they do.

Perhaps the best closing comment comes from one of TransEqual's supporting members. "Consider the absolute foolishness of claiming to have escaped oppression, when, in fact, you have spent half your life cringing in the closet and, once out, you end up asking a psychiatrist for permission to be yourself."

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Lessons From Gender Explorers

by Rev. John Eric Gibbons

You may recall the story of the man who commissioned Picasso to paint a portrait of his wife. When the portrait was completed, Picasso unveiled it, but the man's dissatisfaction was acute. "That doesn't look at all like her," he complained. "Well, what does she look like?" asked Picasso. The man took out his wallet and handed the great painter a photograph. Picasso studied it,then said,"Small, isn't she?"

One of the essential values which Unitarian Universalists share and celebrate and struggle with is our respect for mystery. As the island of knowledge expands, so, too, does the shoreline of mystery. Every representation of reality conception of meaning, everything we *think* we know is a human construction and is, therefore, necessarily smaller than the reality to which it points. Reality is necessarily stranger and more mysterious than we are capable of conceiving. We make boxes to pigeonhole our experience and yet no box can contain the totality of human experience. I don't live only at 5 Ledgewood Drive, but Bedford and Massachusetts and this nation and planet and solar system, and I don't know where. Christianity and Judaism are important to me, but not if that excludes my identifying with paganism and Buddhism and Islam—even that mosque in Jersey City. I share humanity with the saints and criminals, bombing victims and you. And, not only do I refuse to exclude any source of new truth and new light, I know that truth and light are certain to come from unexpected, unfamiliar and probably uncomfortable places. It's awkward to use the word God, though sometimes I do, because that's another too-small box. Reality is not binary: male and female, work and play, black and white, yes and no, Republican and Democrat, urban/suburban, self and other, or any other way.

One of the realities of which we used to be most confident was our gender identity or our sexual orientation. Boys wear blue and girls wear pink! But, did you know that baby clothes used to be just the opposite: pink for boys and blue for girls? No less an authority than *The New York Times* has recently revealed that it's only been the other way around since the 1940s. No, say it isn't so! Pink is "a stronger, more decided color" (and thus more appropriate for boys) said some early 20th century promotional literature. (Which is why I'm wearing a manly pink shirt today!)

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I could never figure out that framed photograph of my father at age five, the one that shows him in a frilly white dress, page boy haircut and more bangs than Mamie Eisenhower. Is that the same guy that ranted about manliness when I grew my hair into a ponytail down my back? We like our reality small and neat.

And then there's the matter of red neckties which no male minister or lawyer or businessman or TV anchor would be without. But, it wasn't long ago that red neckties were code, ways for male homosexuals to identify themselves to one another. The Chicago Vice Commission in 1909 instructed police to arrest men in red ties. And then when I was in school, I think it was wearing green on Thursday that divulged you were homosexual, and if you forgot you'd be the butt of tiresome jokes. And now it's which ear you wear your earring in. We're always looking for ways to pigeonhole one another, and make reality smaller than it is.

Now this "respect for mystery" stuff is no picnic because that which is strange, which is just a another word for mystery, is necessarily uncomfortable and challenging. We used to think the world was all straight. "Did you know any gay people growing up?" I'd ask my parents. "Nope, none around here." But then, after Stonewall, reality open a bit, and now there are more-or-less three boxes: straight people and gay people and bisexuals, I suppose, although a lot of gay people and straight people aren't sure they want reality to crack that far. And this morning the crack widens still further.

We have to draw the line somewhere. It would be too scary to erase the line, or move the line, or discover that it's a dotted line. Or maybe we've been given a line?

And if the realities which will confront us this morning (maybe this word 'reality' is just another box; we're talking about people here!)—if you are made uncomfortable by the presence of a man who crossdresses or a transsexual person, just imagine what it would be like to have a deep reality of yourself be the cause of fear or revulsion! We are who we are and, whoever we are, life is not always a picnic.

You know, this is the second Sunday in a row to deal with crossdressing. Remember, one of the things that most upset men and a lot of women about Susan B. Anthony was that she was a crossdresser. Yes. She wore bloomers, frilly baggy pants, but pants nonetheless, and we know

(This is a sermon that was given by Rev. Gibbons at the First Parish in Bedford, Bedford, Massachusetts. A number of people from the gender community were also a part of the service.)

who wears the pants. We laugh about bloomers, think them quaint, but bloomers were threatening. And didn't the liberals think it was a hoot that J. Edgar Hoover moonlighted as Helen Hoover in black frilly lace and ruffles and five o'clock shadow. That's the first thing I actually liked about the guy. But we like our reality small, not Picassoesque.

And then there's *Tootsie*, which was funny, and *Bull Durham* where the pitcher wore black lace garters, but then there's *The Crying Game* which is a bit scary, and what does Madonna mean anyway, and all that Marky Mark androgyny? And "Take A Walk on the Wild Side" was a good song, but aren't some people just weird? There's a box! The weird box! Calling someone weird means not having to think about yourself.

Some may say, "Be yourself, but why flaunt it? I don't need to know all your secrets; I don't need to know what you do in bed." Well, think about it. Every time you introduce your husband or your wife, or say "I'm Mrs. So-and-So," you do in fact divulge an essential truth about yourself; you also say what you do in bed. You flaunt it without thinking. Calling others weird means not having to think about it.

There was a service here a couple of years ago at which a transsexual lesbian preached, and she preached a rather traditional dry straight sermon. And yet I cannot recall a sermon being more criticized. She didn't fit into any of the usual boxes, so she got put in the weird box.

So let me tell you about the time I dressed in drag as The Minister's Wife for a Halloween Party. I looked good and got some great double-takes. Let me tell you about the day not long ago when our son Eric was asked to describe the difference between his mother and father. "Well, she's more manly," he said, "and he's more feminine." I blushed, and gulped. Sex and gender are mighty funny, and surely scary.

How dare you presume I'm straight! How dare you presume I'm gay! Why presume?

Sex—meaning whether we are biologically male or female and gender—meaning how we feel underneath the biology, are perhaps our most elemental hand-holds in the attempt to grasp reality. In that realm we feel strongest and most vulnerable. One of the things that makes me most proud to be a Unitarian Universalist is that we are willing to say 'sex' aloud in church and church school and do so inquiringly, responsibly, sensitively, and unflinchingly - though the truth is that sex wouldn't be sex if it didn't make us flinch. And though we have more questions than answers, and though we flinch, we do have one another, and that's enough. Whoever we are, revealing ourselves, telling the truth and enlarging our capacity to be uncertain is what it means to be human and alive.

Ringing Truth

by Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni

Have you ever wondered why members of the opposite sex seem to speak a different language sometimes? Why your Significant Other doesn't just say what they mean? Or why other people sometimes seem to be playing games which don't make sense? Have you ever felt frustrated by the inability to elicit a simple expression of preference from someone else?

YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, Men and Women in Conversation, by Deborah Tannen, PhD, is a book that answers some of these questions. In this thoughtful, straightforward, and compassionately written work, she provides insight that helps make interaction with others of both sexes a more pleasant and rewarding.

No, this isn't a book about transsexualism or about understanding crossdressing. In fact, neither is even mentioned. But, the questions listed above are discussed thoroughly, and this discussion is likely of particular interest to anyone with a special interest in gender issues. What's that you say? **You're** interested in these issues? Oh good, I thought you might be! After all, a better understanding of these questions will likely allow you to:

acquire better control of your conversational style, allowing you to appear more or less feminine or masculine as you wish;

improve your ability to navigate the gender-related currents of day to day social life;

achieve more satisfying relationships with your loved ones of the same or the opposite sex;

understand some of the forces that molded you.

This is not another one of those popular psychology books promising to cure everything from headaches to underachievement and beyond if only you'll look at things their way. Rather, it is a thoughtful

set of observations leading to some motivational generalizations sup-ported by well thought out reasoning. In other words, Dr. Tannen tells how she studied the interactions of men and women and noticed some trends which help to understand how each gender tends to behave.

Her style is light and straightforward. Her ideas are presented clearly and simply. And much of the book is spent relating examples and observations. It has more of the quality of a narration than of a scientific treatise, making it pleasantly readable. Although at times she seems to over-illustrate her points, the illustrations are light and easy reading, so it is not terribly offensive. And her ideas are frequently new.

You'll probably find her work accessible and meaningful, particularly since you're someone who is acutely aware of the gender-related social issues which she has studied carefully. Her adherence to scientific principle is laudable. Only very occasionally does she lapse into expressions of personal bias. She seems careful not to draw unwarranted conclusions, and for the most part her reasoning is sound.

Her preface starts, "Every person's life is lived as a series of conversations." Now that's the viewpoint of a true sociolinguist! As an engineer, I look around me and see designs, she looks around and sees conversations. Here are a few excerpts for your consideration:

Talking about our close relationships,

We look to our closest relationships as a source of confirmation and reassurance. When those closest to us respond to events differently than we do, when they seem to see the same scene as part of a different play, when they say things that we could not imagine saying in the same circumstances, the ground on which we stand seems to tremble and our footing is suddenly unsure. Being able to understand why this happens - why and how our partners and friends, though like us in many ways, are not us, and different in other ways - is a crucial step toward feeling that our feet are planted firmly on the ground.

"Every person's life is lived as a series of CONVERSATIONS"

On like and respect,

...The game women play is "Do you like me?" whereas the men play "Do you respect me?" If men, in seeking respect, are less liked by women, this is an unsought side effect, as is the effect that women, in seeking to be liked, may lose that respect.

On men and women in meetings,

When men do all the talking at meetings, many women - including researchers - see them as "dominating" the meeting, intentionally preventing women from participating, publicly flexing their higher-status muscles. But the result that men do most of the talking does not necessarily mean that men intend to prevent women from speaking. Later, The culprit, then, is not an individual man or even men's styles alone, but the difference between women's and men's styles.

On listening,

A journalist once interviewed me for an article about how to strike up conversations. She told me that another expert she had interviewed, a man, had suggested that one should come up with an interesting piece of information. I found this amusing, as it seemed to typify a man's idea of a good conversationalist, but not a woman's. How much easier men might find the task of conversation if they realized that all they have to do is listen.

This last idea, of course, is not new; you will find it in Dale Carnegie's writings as well as in those of many others. Perhaps all Dr. Tannen's ideas have been expressed at one time or another somewhere else. However, she has grouped revealing ideas on gender and social interaction with supporting observations that ring with truth, often making you say to yourself "Oh yeah, I've been there! That's certainly what was going on! If only I'd seen it then..."

At several points in the book, her observation and reason culminate in expressions of exceptional clarity and insight. Like pearls in an oyster, these gems reward the reader generously. Although it is tempting to present an example of such, to do so without first presenting the supporting discussion would undermine the effect. Sort of like revealing 'who done it' to someone who hasn't yet seen the movie.

What's really great about Dr. Tannen's writing is that she exposes real motivations behind everyday actions, and does so from a viewpoint of understanding rather than of blame. By understanding where each of us is 'coming from' when we behave in ways that apparently defy reason, we take the first step towards changing that behavior in a way which replaces conflict with harmony, hurt with love, and frustration with success.

Dr. Tannen's book is not without flaws, but its observations and conclusions convey clear truths of real and lasting value. To the extent that your interest in gender issues extends beyond appearance and self to include interaction, you will like and appreciate this book. Like a bit of Windex on your windshield, it will help you to navigate a bit more easily. So read it and enjoy.

YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, Men and Women in Conversation **by Deborah Tannen, PhD,**
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Positiveness In Difference

by Jamie Lee Gregory

I have heard, on so many occasions, the negative connotations, stereotypical views, and opinions associated with being different as it relates to human characteristics and emotions. Everyone has heard these from time to time. I became somewhat concerned by the magnitude of these negatives and even more so by the lack of positives. Given the fact that there are two sides to every coin and that only one side of the coin is being displayed, I began looking for the positives in an effort to provide society an insight into the importance and necessity of difference. Where were these positives? Have they been misplaced? Were they deliberately concealed in some secret place to withhold their importance and necessity? Where could they be?

History has shown all of us that in given circumstances and situations, people do become impervious to the feelings of others and that some forms of human difference should not and cannot be accepted. We also have been shown that people allow themselves to be guided by antiquated beliefs and views that are still prevalent in today's society. One would think that we would find comfort within ourselves in knowing that we, as a people, could develop intellectually in this area of wonderment as we have done so in technology, industry, the sciences, and other areas. As we all know, this is easier said than done. The first step begins with education. This helps to open the door to a greater understanding and hopefully acceptance, whereas we can live in a world where all people will be looked upon as individuals and accepted for who they are, and where difference is no longer a preoccupation. One lesson history has taught us is that, although we live in a country where rights and options are abundant, it, history, still remains society's dictator.

As you will soon realize in reading this article, the illustration that will be depicted is somewhat exaggerated in part, but with a sense of logic, it actually becomes less exaggerated. Trying to visualize this type of society gives one a feeling of living in a world of science-fiction because it seems impossible that the world could become changed in the way you will see. Not that I can predict what future societies will appear like, but it serves my point well and is the perfect provocation for thought.

POSITIVENESS IN DIFFERENCE

In today's society, there is a tremendous amount of negativity surrounding human emotions and characteristics. Some people see themselves as "normal" while they see those others they perceive as different as "abnormal." Stereotyping has always been a part of human nature. It has a tendency to bring out the worst in people as a result of their own misguided perceptions. As has been heard and publicized so many times, some people would like to rid the world of those who don't fit into their definition of normality. This is a result not so much of misunderstanding, but rather, lack of understanding and knowledge. Let us suppose for a minute that this could become a reality—that this element of society could live in a world that they fully accepted—a world without difference. They feel it would be better than the one that exists now. I will shortly illustrate how this "dream world" would actually become nightmarish.

Society, as a whole, has been misinformed to say the least. This misinformation helps to promote the negative connotations that abound as it pertains to people that are perceived as different. This negativity is constantly aimed at all those who are alcoholic, suffer from various disease and physical impairments, those who have gender issues, or because of religious or ethnic backgrounds. No one is immune from the stereotypical assumptions of those others in society who deem themselves more perfect than the rest. It becomes simple to say that some people have the inability to accept difference in any form as it pertains to human emotions and characteristics. To illustrate, and to maintain a sense of logic no matter how ludicrous it might appear on the surface, let us imagine a world where difference was non-existent. Keep in mind that when you eliminate difference, you also eliminate all the properties of difference as well. Without difference, the properties become non-existent. I will turn this "dream world" into a virtual nightmare for the existing. I say existing because this world could not possibly be for the living. Let us imagine . . .

Imagine a world that is populated with a race of people who share a likeness with one another. All human characteristics would be the same. There would be no difference in our total makeup. We would all become carbon copies of one another. We would lack difference in our perceptions, our attitudes, our thoughts and feelings. We would respond and react to situations and circumstances in the same exact manner as everyone else. Most importantly, the lifeline to human existence would no longer be present or even necessary. I am talking about communication. After all, we live in a cloned, stagnated society where we would already know what each other is thinking, feeling, how we will respond, etc. There would be no need for communicating with one another. We would lack imperfection. That isn't to say we would all be perfect, on the contrary, it simply means we all would be just as imperfect as the other. We are identical in everything we are and do. We would live in a world without a future. You can't have change and progress without difference. They are

properties of difference. In short, it would be a very bland and uninteresting world in which to live. It would be a world I would not like to become a part of. There would not be any balance in the world, as diversity provides balance, and the human race would be doomed to extinction millions of years ahead of its time. As I said earlier, the illustration may seem ludicrous on the surface, but it clearly defines a world without difference. No stone is left unturned.

Stereotyping has always been a part of human nature.

The world in which we live is not perfect by any means. It hasn't been for millions of years and won't be during the existence of mankind. We can only try to understand why it is people seem to pride themselves in being able to find fault in everyone but themselves. Some people tend not to see themselves as imperfect. They are not perfect in any sense of the word, but they have a tendency to feel so by comparison to those who don't come up to their standards of acceptance. It is this element of society that lacks the desire to educate themselves on issues to which they lack knowledge. Lack of knowledge provides them with an avenue for not understanding. This, in turn, is partly responsible for the negativity we see in others. The opportunity for others to learn is there, the in-born ability to learn is in all of us, so what is it? The answer to that question is unwillingness. It is in not knowing that breeds fear and contempt. It is human nature to fear the unknown and the unwillingness to learn in order to understand only prolongs the fear and other negatives that people acquire as a result. To use an age old cliché, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." The same principle is quite evident here,too.One can provide the resources for learning(we all already have the ability),but no one can make you use those resources.

Who is society? Society is all of us. What controls society? History does. History has shown us that it does, indeed, repeat itself over and over again. Discrimination has been with us since the dawn of mankind, and has come in many forms over the ages. But, people would rather continue the trend started during the course of history than attempt to find a solution to this dilemma. Throughout recorded time, various elements of society have ostracized and, in some cases, dehumanized other elements of society for every conceivable reason. It all still comes down to difference, whether it be because of ethnic or religious differences, or because someone chooses to express their greatest natural gift from God, emotions. History has shown all of us how differences can be dealt with on a massive scale solely because someone doesn't fit into society's level of acceptance at the time. It also shows us that history dictates human rights and that some elements of society are not entitled to the same rights and guarantees as the rest of society, therefore, allowing the violations to continue in accordance with the standards of the time. History has provided all of us the worst example of tolerance known to mankind. History, indeed, has become society's dictator as well as teacher. History has taught all of us a valuable lesson: that the human race is incapable of learning from its own mistakes. History literally promotes the fear and anger that some people have because someone they may see fails to meet their own standards of acceptance. This allows those who don't understand to project prejudicial attitudes and vent their hostilities towards someone else because they view the other person as different. If these same people were to make an effort to understand and take the time to learn, they would soon realize their fears were unfounded to begin with in almost all cases. As unsettling and unpredictable as our world is, it is still a much better one than the world previously described. No person is perfect, that is why we are labeled human.

Difference can be a very positive attribute when people realize what is affected by difference. As we saw in the previous illustration, when difference is non-existent, so is progress and change. These are important by-products of difference. Another important property of difference is the fact that difference promotes individualism. It provides us with individuality. This is what separates everyone from one another. This is what further provides us with our own attitudes and allows for communication to take place, which in turn, allows for progression and provides for change. Most important, it gives us a future to build on. It allows future generations to take up where we leave off just as it has allowed us to take up where the previous generations left off. In doing this, it provides those future generations with the knowledge they need to teach those who, themselves, seek knowledge just as we have done in our time. It is a never ending process that, hopefully, will lead to far more acceptance and less hate in the decades to come. We may or may not see it, but we have matured over a few decades in comparison to what was, so, I am certain the generations-to-come will mature more quickly than we have. In doing so, the possibility exists for the pre-occupation with difference to become a thing of the past and for all people to be able to co-exist in peace and harmony. There is always hope. I, for one, certainly believe there is. I don't believe anything is entirely impossible.

Finally, attitude is one of the most important qualities of humanism. Attitudes guide us in everything we say and do in the course of everyday activity. They are feelings that provide us with the positive or negative outlook that we will approach each day with, and can also make us or break us as they have so many relationships. We must approach each day with a positive attitude, if at all possible. It is also one of the most important qualities that makes up individuality. It can be best said that it brings us closer to our own destiny. We can approach our destiny with long-awaited vigor or with the more repressive state of dismay. Our attitude is also our own reality—it helps to create our own situations in life, whether good or bad. It can also become our own best

friend or our worst enemy. It dictates our approach to the world around us. We determine the attitude we will embrace in virtually everything we say and do. We are in charge of our attitudes. We control it and only we must live with the consequences of what that attitude brings us in return. Our approach to everyday life is most important to all of us and we must try to make that approach as positive as we can. It isn't always possible to be positive, but we will have the satisfaction in knowing that we did the best we could.

And, there you have it. Society, dictated by history, has a lot to learn about difference and the positive impact difference has on society. If we, as a people, can only see the negative in other people, then we have undoubtedly forgotten to take a close look at the one individual we know better than anyone - ourselves. Some people become blinded by their own ignorance. It is that element of society that deserves the sympathy of all those that have taken the time to see the positiveness in difference and who judge others as individuals. They are the unfortunate ones. They are victims of their own ignorance because they lack the foresight to see the positiveness that can come from difference. Virtually all human beings are different. Throughout recorded time, people have failed to see, in regard to specific issues, the positive side of difference. They see those who are different (from their own perspective), because of individual characteristics and of the courage to express their natural gift, human emotion, as less than perfect. What they fail to see all too often is how much different they themselves are from everyone around them. I believe that sometimes they are afraid to analyze themselves because they fear what they might find in doing so. They will find that they are just as imperfect as those they judge, and are just as vulnerable to the same negatives and prejudices that they project to
others. It is difference in both human emotions and characteristics that helps give the world balance and a hope for the future. Without difference, we may as well find ourselves living in that world of stagnation. We will just have to learn to live with ignorance. It will always be here and will never go away. Maybe those people who comprise that element of society should be blessed for being the way they are. After all, they, too, help give the world balance.

I AM WHO I AM

There is no reason to fear me or be angered because I am perceived as different. All human beings have differences and imperfections that make each of us unique in our own special way. In that sense I am not any different.

I have the ability to think, to use logic, and to reason. I also have the ability to understand and accept differences and imperfections in others. Most people have that inability.

I possess a true measure of self-confidence and self-esteem. I am secure in my feelings about who I am. Doubt and guilt do not exist for me. I am further enhanced by my self-respect, pride, and dignity, which no one can take from me.

To try to make me believe and feel that I should be ashamed for who I am is an impossibility. God has chosen not to pass judgment on me. Therefore, no human being can claim the right to pass such judgment. I am not ashamed of who I am, nor will I ever be.

I am who I am. I can be no more.

PERFECTION

They that see themselves as perfect defy reality.

They have a measurable amount of self-doubt and a false sense of security.

They are not perfect—they are human.

They are as imperfect as those they judge, and are just as vulnerable to the criticism and pre-judgmental views they present to others.

We Love Each Other So

by Allison Marsh

No sooner had my friend Sandy showed me how to set up my computer for Prodigy, than I started reading and responding to bulletin board correspondence from other TVs. I was surprised by the number of new participants asking for information about the probable outcome of their desire to crossdress. Am I gay? Will I want to become a woman? Am I alone? How can I locate others who feel as I do?

But, the comment that really makes me sad, and I see it often, is, "My wife and I love each other very much, but she doesn't know. How can I tell her?" After a young man had asked me that in a private message, I responded, "How can you tell me your wife loves you; she doesn't even know you."

Photo: Roxanne DeLyon

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Somehow, many of these men have encouraged their wives to feel secure in the fabrication that they are living with Machoman. In some cases, the husbands have sensed their wives' reluctance to discuss anything vaguely related to gender alternatives, so they have avoided bringing out the truth.

"Many men have encouraged their wives to feel secure in the fabrication that they are living with Macho-Man"

Looking at it one way, these men are depriving their wives of the opportunity to deal with reality—encouraging their mates to build their world on what only their husbands know to be a misconception.

Looking at it another way, these husbands are depriving themselves of the opportunity to live their own lives in accord with their (often desperate) needs. What an awful, unfair sacrifice to make to retain a lover who doesn't even know a sacrifice is being made. And how unfair to the wife not to let her help relieve the chasm of fear and guilt and deprivation that her husband is experiencing!

When the fear and guilt finally take shape in such a husband, the shape is often resentment. Unstated, unexplained resentment. And when that starts to play out, it may be expressed in criticism of her treatment of the children, her spending of the money, or the time she takes in the bathroom. She won't know why that's coming her way. By that time, it's very hard for the husband to go back to square one, explain his TV needs, and expose his own vulnerability.

We who read about and talk with other TVs have heard of some wives who react to learning of their husbands' transvestism very negatively. And we have heard of other wives who have been very supportive. How wives respond very often depends on the way the subject is broached. If the person explaining his crossdressing exudes guilt, reticence, and a feeling of aloneness, his spouse will probably "take it from him" and feel equally ashamed of him. Before we had so much information indicating that the desire to crossdress is an unchangeable human need among TVs, many of us made some of those guilt-ridden explanations.

If, on the other hand, the husband explains that this is a part of him—has been since childhood—and that he cannot change it; if he can relate it to some of the gentleness and empathy his wife has found desirable in him; if he assures her that he loves her with all parts of his emotional self, and that he is not attracted to other men; if he explains that he wants to share his interest in women's clothing and other things womanly, and not to compete with her in this activity; if he shows continuing concern with her needs as well as his own crossdressing needs; if he explains that he is not abandoning the role of the male husband she agreed to marry, and he invites her to negotiate the times and extent of his crossdressing; if he volunteers to help her learn of other TVs and their wives and how they continue to support and grow with one another; if he portrays this as a source of joy and comfort which can help cement their relationship, THEN, perhaps, she will say, "THANK YOU. I LOVE YOU."

Even when there is a negative response from a spouse, it is far better to have one another's basic needs known. At least each partner knows what he or she is dealing with in the other. If either chooses not to

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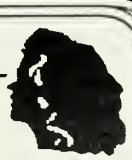
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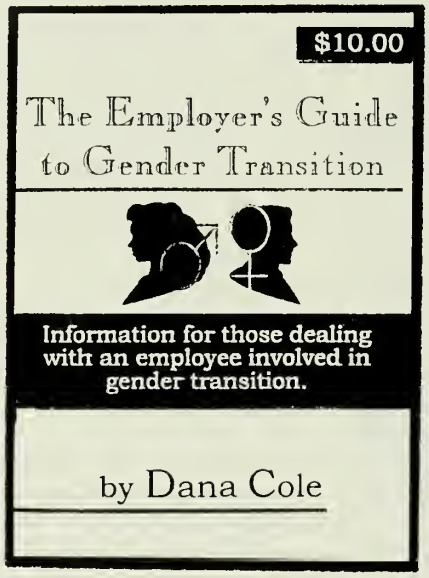

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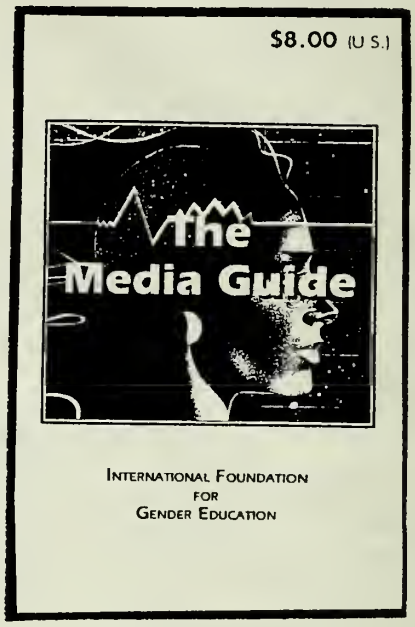

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My Trip To Denmark

EuroFantasia '93

by Eve Burchert

The names sound slightly more European, yet when the week ended with a formal banquet at the Standhotel of Ebeltoft, Denmark, the com-plaints were the same: feet and ankles were swollen from navigating the centuries-old cobblestones in high heels, the ears hurt from clip-on earrings, and heads felt like they had worn a hat all week long. Transgendered is trans-gendered, regard-less of the place on the globe.

Eve with a collection of friends at Ebeltoft.

It was an historic event. The first gathering of about 50 sisters from about fifteen countries who came together in this little old Danish town in Jutland to share our common bond. The event was patterned after the traditional Fantasia Fair, now in its sixteenth season on Cape Cod. The organizer, Jenny Sand of Norway, had attended two Cape Cod Fairs and felt that a similar event held in Europe would help to bring sisters from her continent together. Her invitation brought sisters from France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, USA and Australia to Ebeltoft.

The program was the typical mix of educational, organizational and social. Each morning, Ebony Davis who operates her own beauty shop in Munich, Germany, conducted femininity school covering such topics as skin care, makeup, dress sense, style and all those *hidden secrets of the trade* one discusses and practices.

On Thursday I had the pleasure of conducting the segment on comportment. We talked about and practiced before the all-revealing video camera how to sit properly, walk, basic stances, entering and leaving an auto in a ladylike manner and many of the other traits that are second nature to women.

Photos: Mariette Pathy Allen

There was the usual great interest in what Dr. Sheila Kirk of IFGE had to say about hormones. She presented a fascinating slide show to augment her comments. Another American contributor to the program was Nancy Nangeroni of Boston who related her experience of transitioning on the job, with friends and, most important, with family. Our beloved Photographer Laureate, Mariette Pathy Allen presented her fabulous photographic journey through fourteen years with our paraculture. Yet another stimulating session was Merissa Sherrill Lynn's workshop devoted to our goal of building a closer network for contact and cooperation around the world.

I also presented to our new friends the greetings and good wishes of all IFGE-associated groups, and in particular Tri-Ess. Several of the European groups have long-standing relationships of 30 years or more with Virginia Prince and FPE, the predecessor of Tri-Ess.

Outside the formal sessions there were many informal meetings exploring common interests and the cooperative effort to assist them in the formation of support groups in areas where none existed.

While most of the countries

represented have very active and large support groups, the most surprising void seems to exist in Germany. The eight or nine girls from Germany met several times to formulate a basis for future action. It was felt that having developed new friendships would go a long way towards achieving a cohesive German organization.

In general, to assist and benefit from the new found friendships, I offered to propose to the Congress of Representitives of I.F.G.E. are our many groups in the U.S.A., to develop partnership relationships with individuals and groups in Europe patterned after the concept of Sister Cities between communities on the respective continents. I believe that an exchange between us will enrich us all.

To summarize, I was impressed how very much alike we all were in the degree of appearance, self-assurrance and comportment. It was apparent to me that most of the fifty individuals in attendance would have to be considered *leaders* or *veterans* of our community. It is these leaders who will be key to the development of a cohesive community in Europe. When compared to the U.S., it is the lack of organization and cooperation that become apparant. It is without doubt that EuroFantasia '93 will serve to alleviate this. After all, there are some fifty new friendships formed that will transcend borders and distances.

CANDY, fruit, or me?
ELAINE WONG from New Jersey.

The GNYGA embraces all segments of the gender community: crossdressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, drag queens, SOs, and others. It is this diversity that enables the GNYGA to best serve the greater NY gender community. Proceeds from this event go to charity and are used as seed money for next year's event. This year's beneficiaries were God's Love We Deliver, an organization serving food to the homeless, especially those with AIDS, and to IFGE.

Well, let's get to the festivities. Moonlight in Manhattan had three main objectives: fun, Fun, and FUN!. By all accounts these objectives were met or exceeded.

Earlier in the week, some attendees checked into the hotel, the Inn on W 57th Street (formerly the Days Inn). Banquet Managers Jim Parry and Hilda Cangelosi met with members of GNYGA earlier in the year and provided a superb and accepting environment for all the attendees at Moonlight. The registration area was set up and run by Christine James and Lynda Frank. Jim Bridges brought what looked like his entire boutique all the way from Studio City, California to Moonlight in Manhattan. Wigs sprouted everywhere, and panels of earrings and necklace sets tempted even the most thrifty buyers. Most of the time Jim and I were busy applying paints and powders or coifing errant wisps of hair, ensuring that the girls looked absolutely smashing throughout the weekend.

The festivities were officially kicked off on Friday night, as most of the attendees checked in for the mixer and then the incredible Manhattan Madness bus tour. (If you think bringing a busload of party-minded attendees around to Manhattan night spots isn't incredible— you have to try it next year). Murphy (in this case Mary Murphy) kicked in, and our bus was almost a no-show. Panic was about to ensue, but our prayers were answered, the bus showed up, and we were off.

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The circuit included Sally's II, one of New York's grittier gender bars; Judy's Supper Club, which features excellent food and a piano bar; Busters, a comfortable neighborhood bar which hosts Karalyns Oasis on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; Orbit, a Greenwich Village restaurant featuring a great menu, a warm welcoming atmosphere and perhaps the best salmon au poivre I have ever had; and Manatus, an excellent, inexpensive diner-restaurant.

The bus made several rounds, and everyone had the opportunity to visit any and all establishments. There was a place for everyone, from those that like to express their more exotic nature and try out those slinky outfits, to those who wanted to spend an evening in a more subdued and restrained manner.

"Transgendered is Transgendered, regardless of the place on the globe"
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Moonlight In Manhattan

or, A Tree Grows In Brooklyn, but the T's Go To Manhattan

by Monique Ann Pedone

She's the daughter of Rosie O'Grady,

a regular old fashioned girl,

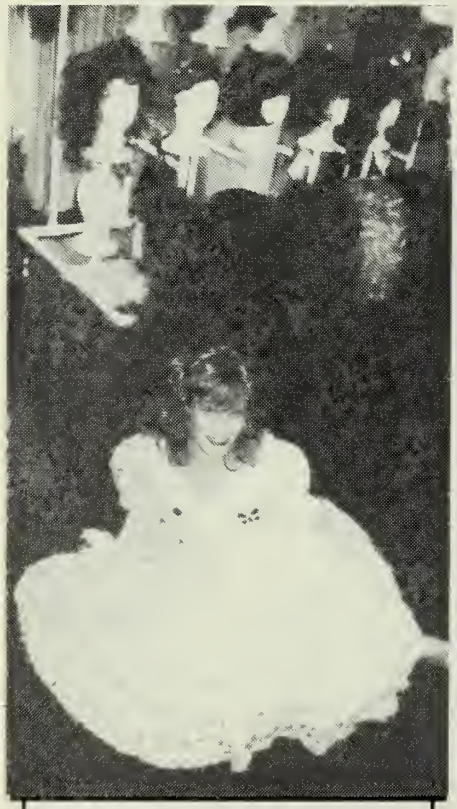
Doesn't want diamonds or fancy rings.

Our author, Miss Monique Ann Pedone, Board of Directors GNYGA with Miss Coco Peru (right), professional cabaret performer.

MELISSA in from CA, samples fare from Jim Bridges Boutique

Well, that's how the song goes, and although some may have been old fashioned girls, they definitely liked diamonds, rings, necklaces and all sorts of assorted frou-frou. And they certainly weren't Rosie 0'Grady's daughters either! They were the lovely and in some cases dashing and debonair attendees of the **Greater New York Gender Alliance** (GNYGA) **First Annual Moonlight in Manhattan**.

Conceived as what has the potential to become the premier gender event of the year, Moonlight in Manhattan represents the efforts of the five groups that currently comprise the GNYGA: **Long Island Femme Expressions** (LIFE), **The Imperial Court of New York**, **Metropolitan Gender Network** (MGN), **TRI-ESS**, and **Cross Dressers International** (CDI). Representing these groups were **DeeDee Ann Summers** and myself from LIFE, **Coco LaChine** from the Imperial Court of New York, **Lynne Walker** from MGN, **Lynda Frank** from TRI-ESS, and **Christine James** from CDI.



JENNIFER illustrates the *fall* of the Roman (or Moonlight) Empire!

LYNDA FRANK, Registrar: Chairwoman Saddlebrook Tri-Ess

LYNDA and DEE DEE
at Carolyn's Oasis Nightclub.

ANDREA, JEAN, and MELANIE
at the Moonlight Dinner Dance.

Attendees at the event ranged from all over the United States as well as Europe! Activities over the three day period from Friday to Sunday brunch included shopping in the vendor area, a Friday night mixer, a fabulous Manhattan Midnight Madness bus tour visiting various hot spots around NYC.

Saturday afternoon saw flurries of shopping and makeovers in the vendor area. Several excellent seminars were offered, including Jeffrey I. Mechanick, MD on hormones; Lilith Martin, Therapist; Muriel Olive on building the feminine figure; Jim Bridges on makeup; and Mariette Pathy Allen, author of *Transformations*, on portrait photography.

Saturday evening always arrives. With the last of the makeovers done, it was now finally time for me to get ready for the evening's activities. The dinner was held in the hotel restaurant which was decorated cabaret style. The intimate setting, candlelit tables, and beautiful layout of the evening's dinner all contributed to the festive atmosphere. About one hundred beauties in their best evening finery graced the halls of the Inn.

I mentioned earlier that the GNYGA encompasses the entire gender community. It is through diversity that the strength of this group emerges. Nowhere is this better exemplified than the participation of the Imperial Court of New York, headed by their beautiful leader, Empress Coco LaChine. She and other members of the Imperial Court have had extensive experience with putting on the fabulous Night of a Thousand Gowns. This experience was responsible for the panache and excellence with which the evening's festivities were directed. One after another of Coco's fabulous performers entertained the audience. After a short intermission for some announcements, we were then entertained by the fabulous Coco Peru (never too many Cocos it seems). She presented an excerpt from her show, "A Legend in Progress" in which she appears on Fridays at Eighty-eights in Manhattan. Her touching piece about a red hat she had in her youth was a rallying cry for those assembled.

Photo flashes were bouncing from sequined gowns throughout the night as everyone danced and partied; and PARTIED! After the dance, the attendees went to various night spots around Manhattan (it is the city that never sleeps).

The only thing that arrives faster than Saturday night seems to be Sunday morning. Fond farewells and phone numbers were exchanged over brunch. The first annual Moonlight in Manhattan had come to a close. It was a rousing success, raising money for God's Love We Deliver and for the IFGE. Everyone had a great time in the process. We hope to see you there next year, **April 21-24, 1994**.

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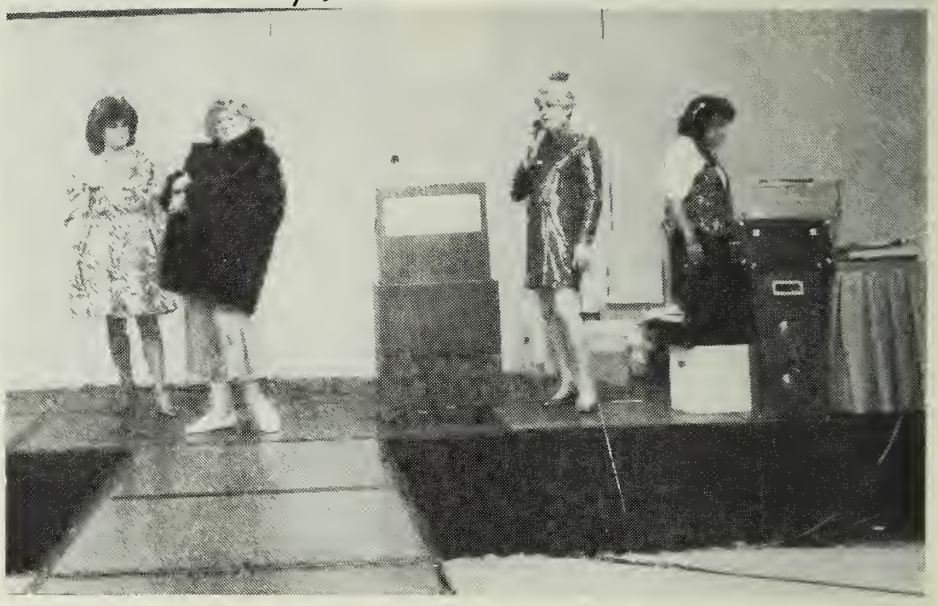
Donnie & Marie Eat Your Heart Out
Dee-Dee works the piano at
Judy's Supper Club.

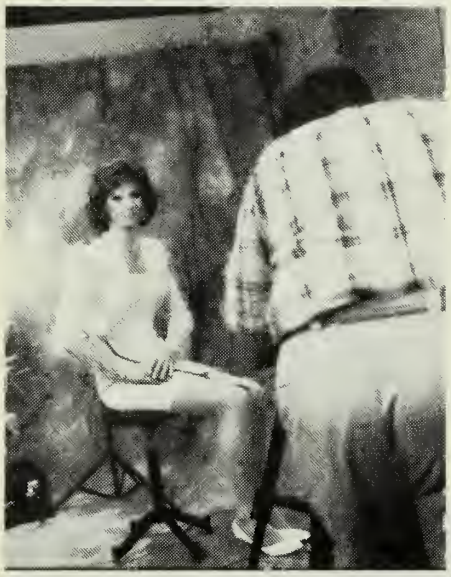
Summing It All Up

The BE ALL Weekend

by Janna



The celebration of the **Eleventh Annual Be All You Want to Be Weekend** was at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel in Chicago, Illinois on June 9-13. This event was hosted by the **Chicago Chi Chapter of Tri-Ess**. Cosponsors were **Crossroads Chapter** of Detroit, Michigan; **Paradise Club** of Cleveland, Ohio; and **Transpitt** of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was a perfect time for men to turn into women.

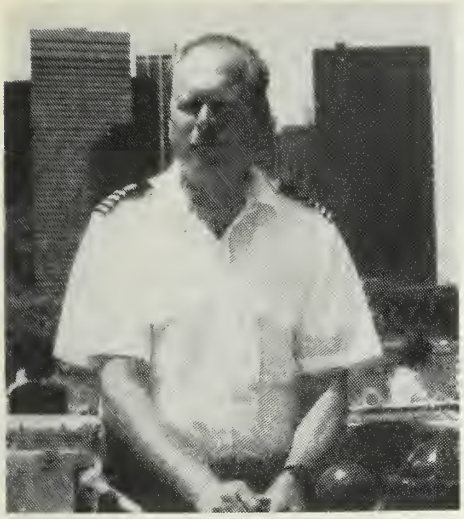


Men from all over turned into to women for the weekend: Sweden, California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Maine, and Texas. There were over 300 participants.

There were 21 vendors selling wigs, jewelry, cosmetics, purses, padded slips, panties, gowns, books, shoes, and portraits. There was even a special telephone available that could change the gender of your voice on the phone.

Photos: Manette Pathy Allen

The weekend was full of activities. There was a Summer White Dinner Party, a boat trip on Lake Michigan, Candlelight Dinner Theater (and we met the cast afterwards), Dapper Flapper Dinner/Costume party, Fashion Show, Wet T-shirt Contest (at 3:00am!), Puttin' on the Ritz Dinner Party, and lots of cocktails and refreshments.



Everyone was wearing their best! The gowns were gorgeous. One crossdresser I spoke with had spent $1000 on her gown. She was 70 years old!

There were many classes and workshops. There was a series of transsexual programs, a Crossdresser's Bootcamp, Fantasy Dressing Class, Dr. Docter Rap Session, Vogueing School, Women's Lib, Sex and the Single Crossdresser, and a fashion show including a mother/son team and two brother/sister combinations. There was a Wives and Partners Program, and a panel addressing the issue of Balancing the Need to Crossdress.

One person explained to me that crossdressing is like a high school girl going to her prom. She plans weeks ahead with the purchasing of her gown. She can't sleep the night before. She spends the entire day bathing, shaving, doing her hair and makeup, preparing her jewelry, and, of course, dreaming of how the night will go. Some of the men at this event were so beautiful they could have put some women to shame.

this be unique to Fall Harvest?" It can be, and it is. The craziness and the creativity of these gals is just something you have to behold in person. The Talent Show on Friday night had a new addition to the program. This feature, called "TVs on TV," had each MAGGIE group come up with skits based on TV shows. Well, you could have seen a very good Wayne and Garth skit done beautifully by Iowa Artistry. The St. Louis Gender Foundation did a twist on Monty Hall's game show. The Transgendered Alliance did a hidden, guess what the skit is. The winner of the night was Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends with their version of the *Sally Jessy Raphael Show*. Being a participant in the performance as well as the event, I was doubly blessed to be around such talented people.

Co-MC's **Beverly Wayne & Jennifer Richards** during a serious moment in the pagent.

Anna & her *"green friend"* **Oscar** doing "I'll Be There" a la Mariah Carey

Receiving *Oscars* from Fall Harvest '93 are: (L-R) **Stephanie Cambell** (Miss Femininity), **Jennifer Richards** (Miss Best Dressed), **Beverly Wayne** (Miss Congeniality), and **Stephanie Vandemore** (Miss Helpful).

The Beauty Pageant held its own special place in the Fall Harvest. This year a record ten girls participated, and in my book, they are all winners. The hostesses for the evening were Jennifer Richards of St. Louis Gender Foundation, and Beverly Wayne of Iowa Artistry. They made the evening a joy with their entertaining talents. We had talent acts from live musical numbers, one with drums, one with clarinets, to drama, to dance. In the end, Miss Stephanie Campbell from Crossdressers and Friends became the third Miss Fall Harvest. I can't think of a more deserving person for this title.

My feelings as I went through the weekend are hard to put down. But, the feeling I put in the title of this article is the one that is the body of this event. That feeling is friendship. I have been to many other events, and I have enjoyed them all, but as Fall Harvest came to an end, I knew I would be coming back next year, looking forward to seeing familiar faces, and to renewing wonderful friendships.

Nancy Cole called it the Spirit of the Heartland. I can agree that this spirit goes one better, and that the friendships made at Fall Harvest are for a lifetime. My heartfelt thanks to those people who keep Fall Harvest going year after year. You are the ones we should all thank. Thank you, and see you next year.

Saturday Night's Contestants for Miss Fall Harvest (featured in center) **Anna Appleby, Jennifer Renee** and **Stephanie Campbell.** Miss Stephanie was crowned.

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Call For Female-to-Male ACTIVISM

There is so much work that needs to be done, I hardly know where to begin. I envision a united front of CDs, F2Ms, M2Fs and TGs working in an organized way to change laws and attitudes about and towards our community. As an F2M, I see specific facets in my community that can assist this organized effort.

There are many different facets of the F2M community. We all do not come from the same mold. Our different experiences give us an opportunity to build a strong voice. Tolerance, communication and understanding are the key tools for our success.

The yearly IFGE Coming Together convention is the perfect opportunity to showcase the diverse uniqueness of the F2M community. Specific programs can be designed to meet different needs. One suggestion would be to design a needs-assessment questionnaire to be circulated nation-wide before next year's convention. Another would be to have a panel of representatives from the different parts of the F2M community. The convention could include and unite all aspects of this diverse community and educate the transgendered community about F2M issues.

The organized effort of the F2M community to become part of and blend into the total gender community is relatively young. I am excited about being an active part of our future. I feel that my years of counseling and management skills can benefit this community. It is my way of returning some of what has been given to me. I have received a tremendous amount of love, understanding and information from many willing teachers.

It is imperative that we focus on our similarities and not our differences. Only then can we unite as one transgendered community that fights ignorance with education and changes discriminating policies to legal acceptance.

If you would like to become part of this activity, please write me.

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Report On EUROFANTASIA '93

by Jean Donaldson

The first **EuroFantasia** took place in Ebeltoft, a coastal resort in Northern Denmark, during early May, 1993. It was a week-long event designed to establish links between people in Europe working for alternative Gender Expression and greater social acceptance. Although these aims sound very serious, there was also time to have a lot of fun.

Over fifty people attended from most European countries, and also from the USA and Australia. There were surprises, too. There was a group from Finland, and prior to this meeting, few people outside that country even knew that there was any support organization for TVs and TSs in Finland.

The threads of the EuroFantasia included a Femininity School to learn or extend techniques for better self-presentation: skin care, makeup, wig care and deportment. There was even a video recording facility so one could learn from seeing oneself walking, sitting down and getting up.

There were talks and discussions on a wide variety of topics such as Hormones, Social Acceptance, Feminist Attitudes and International Cooperation. There was also eating, drinking, dancing and entertainment provided by attendees at the fair.

For some people the idea of being dressed and made-up for a week may have seemed a bit much, but the organizers did not receive many complaints. People relaxed into their feminine selves, particularly as they felt able to walk about the small town without attracting unwelcome attention. In fact, getting out of the hotel complex to be seen in the town was part of the Public Relations exercise which it is hoped will lead to the EuroFantasia returning to Ebeltoft in future years.

The result was a wonderful atmosphere in which international friendships were formed, a new European Communications Network emerged. Many people at the conference previously felt isolated in their alternative gender roles and in the work they are doing to help others. Now they feel they are a part of an emerging Euro-wide Gender Community which also has links to a world-wide community.

Many ideas were discussed for making what we do better known and understood. The biggest priority is to make contact with more of the many people who are still isolated by guilt and fear of others' reactions. Informing such people about the existence of an international community could help in this.

(continued)

My husband Kimberly and I had a fantastic time. We even had the honor of making the front cover of the *Chicago Reader*, a weekly newspaper.

Next year's Be All will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 8-14. We can't wait to be there!

Like Mother, like Son

Friendships

Fall Harvest '93

by Anna Appleby

It's November and the third annual Fall Harvest is about to kick off. As I get closer to Kansas City my thoughts start to turn to the weekend ahead. Having attended the first two Fall Harvest weekends, I have some expectations.

The weekend started with a welcome buffet dinner on Thursday night. I could see what was going to make this Fall Harvest even better than the other two had been. It was kind of like when you come home from a trip and your friends and family are waiting for you at the airport. As friends shared hugs and talked of the weekend to come, you could feel the excitement building.

Friday morning 75 participants met to learn more about themselves and how to look their best. The event is set up with a four track system covering the whole range from the "New Girl" to "Partners." These tracks are hosted by different member groups of the Mid-America Gender Group Information Exchange (MAGGIE). Each group handles one of the tracks. These groups are Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, St. Louis Gender Foundation, Iowa Artistry, Omaha River City Gender Alliance, and Wichita Transgendered Alliance. We also had the benefit of professional participation: Dr. DebAnn Thomsen, Dr. Richard Docter, and Dr. Christine Dean. Without these wonderful people this weekend would not be what it is today, a powerful feeling of friendship and love.

(The fourth annual Fall Harvest Weekend will be in Kansas City, Missouri, October 28-31, 1993. Details available from: Fall Harvest, P O Box 35061, Overland Park, KS 66214-5061, or telephone (913) 649-8878.)

Singing *"LIVE"* Saturday Night is **Miss Beverly Wayne**; CO-MC for the pagent.

Denise, Dr. Deb-Ann Thompson, and Stephanie Vandevore make a statement.

Monica Lawrence
Miss Fall Harvest 1990
"The start of a tradition"

Photos: Mariette Pathy Allen

Besides the tracks that ran both Thursday and Friday, we had luncheon speeches by Dr. Docter and Dr. Thomsen. It's hard not to enjoy listening to these two professionals relating their experiences to us. Dr. Thomsen said it best when she pointed out that we are a growing force, and it's time we made our voices heard.

Another aspect of Fall Harvest that makes it unique is the Talent Show and the Beauty Pageant. I know, you're saying, "How can

(Anna Appleby is President of and MAGGIE representative from Iowa Artistry, P O Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.)

EUROFANTASIA '93 *(continued)*
Great thanks were expressed to Jenny Sands from Norway who had taken the initiative to organize EuroFantasia. This had taken nearly two years to bring about, and involved a tremendous amount of work by Jenny and her team.

Many things were learnt about how such an event can be expanded to meet an even wider range of needs and create even more fun. What is certain is that now the European Gender Community has come into being, it will meet again, either in Ebeltoft, or somewhere else.

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TIFFANY CLUB of NEW ENGLAND Plans New York Trip

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND PLANS NEW YORK CITY SHOPPING AND THEATER TRIP. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1993 (COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND)

Negotiations are complete! We have managed to contract for the most inexpensive New York trip imaginable. If you have ever visited the Big Apple, you know how expensive it can be. Here is the first half of the great news: for $50 per person, round-trip, we have procured a luxury motor coach for your transport from Boston to Manhattan and return. The coach is pure luxury - restroom equipped, cellular phone equipped, VCR equipped! Our pickup point in the Boston will provide for secure automobile parking, and we have an option to stop in the Springfield, Massachusetts area to pick up anyone who lives in the western part of the state who would like to join us.

We will depart from Boston at 8:30am, Thursday morning, October 7 and stop in Springfield for those persons joining us there. From Springfield, we will stop in central Connecticut for breakfast. We should arrive at the hotel in Manhattan about 4:00pm. We will leave New York for the trip home around noon Monday, stopping in central Connecticut for dinner, and in Springfield to let off our sisters from the western part of the state.

The second part of the great news is the hotel: multiple room options are available, from single accommodations at $65 per night, to two-bedroom/two bed four person suites at a per-person cost of $25 per night. The suites include a refrigerator, an electric stove, utensils, and use of the hotel coin-operated laundromat. The hotel is providing us with an orientation when we arrive, as well as guide books and suggestions to keep us occupied for the weekend. The hotel is located on the upper west side of Manhattan in a secure residential area. You will deal with the hotel directly, paying your own bill upon departure on Monday.

So, for about $150-310 (depending on your room choice), you can go to New York for five days/four nights including round-trip transportation. What's the catch? We have to make our deposit on the coach on September 1st.

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IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE, CALL (508) 358-5478 TO SEE IF IT'S A GO AND THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU TO JOIN.

When we are certain of the coach reservation, we will reserve a block of rooms at the hotel in the names as you have provided them, and send you a notice to contact the hotel and confirm your reservation by charge card.

Please follow the directions above. If we do not have the necessary numbers by August 31, the trip will cancel and we will return your $50. Don't miss this opportunity. We may not be able to repeat it. Mail in your $50 now and start planning for one exciting weekend in the Big Apple!!

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Much of what happened, but more, at the first. We will have more mealtime speakers and more of them will be from out of state. We will cover then areas of law and put the whole thing on video tape. We will have one jointly sponsored (Bar Association of Human Rights) dinner event at the exclusive, members-only "Courthouse Club" located just one block from the Harris County Courthouse.

Our speakers include:

Richard Aldeman, law professor, known on Houston television for being the People's Lawyer;
Marshall Shelsy, the staff attorney for the 14 misdemeanor court judges (the judges call him when they have questions);
Alice Oliver-Parrot, the Chief Justice of the 1st Court of Appeals of Texas, the first ever female chief justice in Texas;
Tish Frederick, winner of this year's Phyllis Randolph Frye Endowed Writing Competition at the University of Houston Law Center;
Leslie Feinberg, a female-to-male New Jersey author of *Transgender Liberation* and *Stone Butch Blues*;
Jim Sacher, staff attorney with the local Equal Employment Opportunity Council;
Ron Garet, California, law professor and author of "Self-Transformability," 65 S. Cal. Law Review 121 (1991).

Two featured legal project moderators from out of state are **Sister Mary Elizabeth**, California, author of *Legal Aspects of Transsexualism* and **Gordene MacKenzie**, New Mexico, author of *Transgender Nation: the Gender Revolution.* We expect more attendees from both Europe and Canada.

The legal project workshops will be held on Thursday and Friday, the workshop reports will be given Saturday. The legal projects include: employment, health, military, imprisonment, family, personal identification, insurance, intervention, and education in TG issues law, plus an international bill of rights.

The focus of the employment, health, imprisonment, family, intervention and education projects will be to develop a Standards of Care or a Standard Operating Procedure that any company personnel manager, state legislator, county sheriff, family judge, angry citizen (you) or writer/educator can simply extract from the Proceedings and incorporate into their own written policy.

Military, personal identification and insurance projects will be updates. The Bill of Rights Project will attempt to bring together all the bills of rights thus far published for the TG community and work one that everyone will agree to and uniformly adopt.

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PHAEDRA KELLY Seeks Funds For Mission To RUSSIA

Before the collapse of communism, Soviet transgender was lumped in with homosexuality and deviant behavior of every kind, no distinction was made between type or attitude of patient. TVs were considered homosexual, and sent to labor camps for indefinite periods, where they were systematically abused and used by warder and inmate alike as prostitutes. TSs were confined in mental institutions as "paranoid schizophrenics." Female-to-male surgery was easier to obtain, and approximately five operations were sanctioned each year. Male-to-female TSs were less fortunate, and even if given hormones, and referred for surgery, would be in danger of losing ground at any time, especially if they travelled from one area to another where their papers didn't match their apparent gender. Post-operative care didn't exist.

Now that communism has collapsed, many TSs are still rotting in asylums and many TVs are still in labor camps. Forgotten people unless someone had made contact with them before their arrests, who might now be able to come forward if there had been any foundation of a group laid down.

Since the laxity of the Gorbachev administration, vice and crime have begun to parallel that of other countries, and women have begun to more openly prostitute in Russia. So far as we know there are no transgender vice girls, yet.

Authorities in the media know next to nothing about the realities of transgender except for a few heavily censored articles in *Pravda.* Hitherto it has always been slanted from political viewpoints as a symbol of the laxity of capitalism. No neutral expression of it has yet been given.

Elga Remes, the International Gender Transient Affinity agent in Latvia has begun an attempt to form a TV/TS/TG support group in Russia. She supplied interviews with a Russian TS from before the fall of communism which will be published soon.

Russia urgently needs contact with the west, specifically directly with an example of our transgendered. Information must not only by sent in, but taken in person, and expressed across the media as much as possible within Russia. Data must be gathered for Amnesty International on sisters in need in Russia. Work must be undertaken to open inner communication as well as world communication.

The poverty of the people coupled with an emergent freedom hitherto unknown opens the floodgates to extreme behavior. If left unaddressed, before long, TV/TS vice girls will begin emerging in major cities, tiny colonies of would-be victims similar to those in Islam and in South America. We must be swift to open their eyes to their own range of options, heterosexual self-expression, group and community strength, and to educate the Russian public, authorities and businesses about the advantages of allowing peaceful assimilation, gainful employ, and free movement of TV/TS/TGs.

I propose to go to Russia, accepting an open invitation made to me before the collapse of communism to talk on Moscow radio and television, give interviews to the newspapers about transgender, and to demonstrate in person what a western gender transient is like and thus be seen in both male and female form. To connect with the Human Rights and Amnesty International workers in major cities, and to gather data from them and pass data to them from whoever comes from forward from the gender community, and to gather contact names to bring home and distribute. To meet and interview Elga Remes in person and to observe and report her situation, special problems and difficulties.

The cost for the trip would be about £1000 to travel to Russia and spend several days in each major city making contacts, presentations and gathering data.

The gains to the worldwide gender community would be an estimated five million increase in the population, forming working groups liaised with the rest of the world; an expansion of travel routes to and around Europe; the salvation of a hitherto lost and forgotten community; addition of our Russian sisters to the community; the addition of the mental and cultural resources of our Russian sisters. This could lead to opening inroads to China. There would be media attention throughout the known world. Data and contacts would be generated for Amnesty International and Human Rights groups.

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The following letter was sent to President Clinton on June 28, 1993.

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the directors of Washington offices for our denominations and faith groups, we know how divisive the debate has been on lifting the military ban on gays and lesbians. That divisiveness exists in our churches and synagogues.

We urge you to stand by your principles.

It is immoral for the nation's largest employer to discriminate. It is immoral for the government to force people to lie. It is immoral to rob people of their human dignity in the way that the military has been doing.

We hope that as much as possible you will hold to these basic principles:

All sexual orientations should be treated equally.
All sexual misconduct and sexual harassment should be treated equally.

We are disappointed that compromise seems necessary. As you attempt to compromise basic principle, we urge that you include these three specific principles as you draft you executive order:

1. Individuals should not be discharged based on sexual orientation or status.
2. There should be equal enforcement of sexual misconduct violations.
3. There should be no restrictions placed on private speech.

We know from personal experience that there is a price for leadership on this issue. We also know there is a greater price to the nation for failure to meet very basic human rights. For the sake of our national community, we urge you to offer this principled leadership.

Sincerely yours,

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Sex reassignment surgery does not turn men into women, or women into men, it merely confirms what already is. Few people see your genitalia, but your gender is evident to everyone. Rushing into surgery before establishing yourself in your new role is taking a needless risk.

The period of crossliving is like a test drive. It enables you to establish yourself in your new role, to experience your new life before making permanent changes to your body.

Think about it, would you rather pay for that new car before you take the test drive or after you have taken it around the block?

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In Memory of Dick Rose 1922-1993

The entire transgender community has suffered a great loss in the death of Richard (Dick) Rose, on July 15, 1993. To those of us who knew him well, we have lost one of the warmest, caring, dignified, loyal and generous people we have ever known. Dick was a Newton textile merchant and a partner in a garment manufacturer in Puerto Rico and was a manufacturer's representative for women's wear companies. He was a Mason for fifty years. He volunteered for the Coast Guard during World War II. He was a volunteer at Beth Israel Hospital for 37 years, a service he continued even after the onset of his disease by volunteering for an experimental bone marrow research project. He loved his business and the job was done well.

I first met Dick Rose when I was training in electrology school back in 1976. I took over his case from my mother as she decided to retire and also found out that Dick was my next door neighbor. He was a great sport. I practiced and practiced on him to develop my skill as an electrologist. Soon thereafter, I decided to get my master barber license. He let me practice hair styling, razor cutting and beard shaving with a straight-edge razor (I said he was really a sport). As time went on, we began to have family social gatherings. Dick and I loved to clothes shop and take long walks around the reservoir. He soon became my confidant and best friend. He gave me inspiration and encouragement in our seventeen years of friendship.

Five years ago, Dick introduced me to a favorite friend, Vernon of Vernon's in Waltham. I met, Vernon, Merissa, Yvonne and a few others. At that time, I had no idea that these meetings would lead to such wonderful friendships with people in and around the transgender/transsexual community.

I began working with IFGE to produce my first article in *Tapestry*. Since then, I was able to bang out one article every issue and continue to provide the transgender community with much education in electrolysis and skin care. Dick even named my new expanded business A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care Associates.

As a farewell Dick, I will smile every time I think of you. You may not be there physically, but you will be remembered and thank you for all the good days and fond memories. I love you.

Linda DeFruscio

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The highlight of the *NWC* is a ceremony in which the passage from male to female, the emergence into womanhood, the spilling of blood on the operating room table is celebrated. This ceremony provides an actual rite of passage, a social validation of identity that we would not otherwise have.

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☎ (617) 323-6082 Sandy,
(413) 594-4703 Steve 11am - 7pm,
(508) 251-0678 9:00am - 9:00pm.

CD/TS/SO - SUNSHINE CLUB: Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.
Monthly meetings at a church in the Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.
☙ Monthly newsletter

FTM/SO - EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP: P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060
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☎ (413) 584-7616 Bet Power,
(617) 926-7619 Lonnie.

TV/TS - BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES: P O Box 508, North Adams MA 01247
Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

TV/TS - THE INFINITY NETWORK: P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity.
☙ Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - AXA: c/o Zoë Durga, P O B1331, W.Concord MA 01742.
Social support group offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists. Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. No dues or fees.Telephone or personal interview required.

TV/TS - INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director.
Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in bookstore" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.
☎ (617) 894-8340
FAX (617) 899-5703
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TS/SO - LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUAL PERSONS/NEW ENGLAND: c/o IFGE, P O B367, Wayland MA 01778-0367

Support group for parents, siblings, other relations, of TS persons. Led by Marie Mann, MA in Expressive Therapies. Meets Wednseday at the 123 Moody Street, Waltham, Mass., 7:30-9:00pm.

☎ (617) 899-2212.

FTM/SO - **THE ADAM SOCIETY:** c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778.

Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others. Monthly meetings.

Adam's Word

SO - **ALCHEMY:** Raven Kaldera, send mail c/o IFGE,.

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TV/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:** TCNE, POB 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483.

Social and educational organization for crossdressers desiring to explore and develop their total personality for the attainment of peace of mind. Tiffany provides support programs for the individual member, their family, and friends. Operating a safe-house, and organizing "get-togethers," workshops, seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

☎ (508) 358-2305 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST)

Rosebuds

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, Edie Gallagher, President.

Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, TCNE Wives' Support Group P-town Outing weekend in Oct.

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TV/TS - **REFLECTIONS:** P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026

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☎ (617) 323-6082]

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TS - **GETTING REAL:** P O B 194, West Newton MA 02165.

Meetings the first Sunday of each month at 4:00pm. Meeting location is in Boston, near the T, with free parking, refreshments, and sometimes entertainment.

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE:** TGA, P O Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238.

A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.

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Ari Kane, Director.

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Trans-Talk

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TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, POB163, Farmington CT 06034.

Social and educational organization. Promotes a positive self-image for crossgendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership /recommendation required .

The Outreach News

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS:** c/o P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA.

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TS/SO - XX (TWENTY) CLUB: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.
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XX, published bi-monthly

IMAGES:, P O Box 85, Thompson CT 06277
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(203) 963-7664.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Director
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(203) 646-8651

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TV/TS - GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS: Boxholder, P O Box 110, Norwood NJ 07648
Support group using the twelve-step recovery program to help gender-conflicted individuals heal from the effects of gender identity conflict. The twelve steps are adapted from Alcolholics Anonymous. Meets every Thursday night at 8:00 in Teaneck, NJ. No fees, but there is a collection within the group.
(908) 721-7469, Kate.

TV/TS - MONMOUTH/OCEAN GROUP: , POBox 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.
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TV/SO - EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.
Nature: Social and support group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting.

TV/TS - NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960
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(201) 663-0772.

TV/TS - RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER: , P OBox 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330.
Kara Forward, chapter leader.
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▲ - SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.
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(609) 586-1351

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA: CDI, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. . S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.
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TV/TS - IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK: Imperial Queens of New York, Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, NY,NY 10011.
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TV/TS - METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:561 Hudson Street, Box45, New York NY 10014.
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City Lights

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Answering service 212-969-0888.

TS/SO - THE GATHERING: P O Box 29, New York NY 10021-0030.
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CD/TS - EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: , Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163;
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Lipstick and Lace

▲ - LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:LIFE, c/o Vickie Stone, POB 31,Hempstead NY 11551.
Social support group, the Lambda Iota chapter of Tri-Ess.
Lifelines

TV/TS/SO - TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB: TGIC, Box 13604,Albany NY 12212-3604
Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all.
(518) 436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).
Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - TRANSGENDER NETWORK: PO B 177,Tillson NY 12486-0177.
Clergy and professionals are also welcome. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral .

TV/TS/SO - EON (Expressing Our Nature): 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226.
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▲ - LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820
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Security: Screening.
(607) 547-4118.
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TV/TS/SO - CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO: , c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220.
TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings.

▲ - NU PHI CHI: Denise Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY 14221.
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CD News

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☎ (914) 452-8405

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT:** TransPitt, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230
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☎ (412) 231-1181.

CD/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261, Erie PA 16505.
Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings, newsletter. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room is provided.

Newsletter

CD/TS - **RENAISSANCE -LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. Brenda Davidson, chapter leader
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month at Cameron Cut Rate, Cameron and Market Streets, Harrisburg, PA.

☎ (717) 780-1LSV or (717) 780-1578.

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, POB 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020.. Michelle Lynn, Chapter Leader.
For the gender community at large. Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meetings start at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call above number. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, as well as socials and community activities.

☎ (215) 630-1437

TS - **PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP:** P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103
To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage.

☎ (215) 567-7879.

RENAISSANCE - READING:
Charter has been revoked by the National Board. For information, write National Secretary Susan Crane, P O Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406.
Dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities.
For professionals: Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help under-stand transgender behavior.

☎ (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

PERSAD CENTER, INC.
5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616
Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.
Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for trans-sexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and sex-reassignment therapy.

☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724.
Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.

☎ (301) 277-5475.

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON :** TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215.
(formerly DCEA) Social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others. Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. affiliated with couples group and MAGA (TS support). Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.

☎ (301) 949-3822.

The Pinnacle, Bi-monthly

MARYLAND (206-218)

THE BRIDGE CLUB: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

TV/TS - **MY CHOICE:** c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, #1A; Baltimore MD 21231
Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out sociali-zing after meetings. Shopping, makeup and coming-out help available.

☎ (410) 732-4546

COUNSEL FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons.

☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.:
H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 2114 N. Charles Street, Ste 3 Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons.

☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE :** MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. .
MAGA is a support and rap group formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

☎ (301) 977-0938

TV - **BLACK ROSE:** P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210
Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in Washington, DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.

☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET:** P O Box 29142, Richmond VA 23242-0142
Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.

☎ (804) 320-8737

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS
Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (703) 532-8723

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT
Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015
Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons. Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.
☎ (804) 622-9900

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

TV/TS/SO - TRANS-WV: POB2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.
Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.
Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION: TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114
Monthly meetings, referrals. Interview.

TV/TS - GDANC SUPPORT GROUP: GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145
To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need someone to talk to. Meetings on the third Saturday of every month at a private apartment.
☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS: P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101.
Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia. Monthly meetings August to May, in Charlotte.
The Pink Slip

TV/TS/SO - CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE: Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100
Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club, either. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to supportive merchants, consultants, clubs, etc.
☎ (704) 531-8838 (voice mail).
All the Beautiful People!

▲ - CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS: Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519.
See 'Tri-Ess,' Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT: Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.
Meet every other month. Atmosphere is casual, social, but also therapeutic. Open discussions, programs, networking, & free professional referrals.

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077
Monthly meetings. Interview by member Board of Directors.
The Dixie Belle

TV/TS/SO - ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION: AGE, P O Box 2015, Lawrenceville GA 30246;
Membership open to anyone with a ender concern, f amilies, friends. Meet twice a month in a major hotel.
☎ Helpline: (404) 642-9652.

FLORIDA (320-340)

▲ - SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.
A chapter of the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess). Meetings on the weekend of the second Friday of the month at an established Atlanta location. Outstanding programs for significant others and outreach.

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033; Contact: Jerry, Lynn, or Tommie.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our membersare also screened.
☎ (404) 603 9426
MM & PI Monthly newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs, among others.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Open to all transgendered persons.
☎ Business (404) 939-2128. Helpline:(404) 939-0244.
Chrysalis Quarterly, transition booklets, bibliography of gender dysphoria, and J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.

TV/TS/SO - GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE: GING, Gail Driaper,
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Potential members per-sonally interviewed as to their needs.
☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.: P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32614
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. "We deal in solutions, not problems." Screening through psychologist to attend group meetings.
☎ (904) 462-4826
INSIGHT

▲ - PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS: , P O B 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required.

TV/TS - FANTASIA: c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood,
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview required.
☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - SERENITY: P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022;
Meetings the first Saturday and third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale.
☎ (305) 436-9477
Newsletter.

TV/TS/SO - ANIMAS:P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.
Social support group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.
A periodic newsletter

TS - THE EDEN SOCIETY: P O Box 22742, Fort Lauderdale FL 33335-2742
Social and support group meets for one business meeting and one social meeting a month. Interview required.
☎ (305) 791-2476(Bob)
Newsletter.

TV/TS - VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: Chrissie P. Humphreys, 944 Rialto, Venice FL 34285
Meetings the second Friday each month. Must be ladylike and no drinking. Referrals.

TV/TS - STARBURST: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664
Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required.
☎ (813) 527-1012.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.:
COPE, P O Box 607,
DeFuniak Springs FL 32433.
Clyde E. Trautloff,MA,CAP,CAS
Program Manager.
Private, not-for-profit Mental Health Center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street,
North Miami Beach FL 33162;
Certified & Licensed
Speech Pathologist,
Adele Kates, Director.
Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.
☎ (305) 651-6442.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607
Aventura FL 33180
Coral L. Schlosberg, Ph.D.,
L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T.
Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for transsexuals and transvestites. Individual and group therapy.
☎ (305) 936-8000

TAMPA STRESS CENTER:
4023 N. Armenia Ave., Ste
220,Tampa FL 33607
Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D.
A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment.
☎ (813) 872-8631

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** P.O.Box 7241,Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.
Social support group serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee. Monthly meetings at Atlanta location.
Monthly newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Ms. Michelle Steadman.
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program.
The Continuum

TENNESSEE (370-384)

▲ - **TENNESSEE VALS:** P O B 92335, Nashville TN 37209-2335.
Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private home in the Nashville area. Write to be interviewed.
☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail).

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.
Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire.

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 250481,Atlanta GA 30325.
Social support group serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee. Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location
Monthly newsletter

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI:** P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253Lee Frances, Secretary
Social support group See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.
☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs).
Premiere

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY:** LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458
Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening.
☎ (812) 944-5570, Barbara
(502) 458-8028, Patti
(502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287
An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support.We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.
☎ (614) 777-0648
The Crystal Chronicle

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** Box 5397, Willowick OH 44095.
Bi-monthly meetings. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer.
Alpha Omega Outreach

CD -**PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.
Paradise is social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Paradise has approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting. Sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or other event of interest. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.
Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657
A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule.
☎ (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.
monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street,
Columbus OH 43201
Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.
☎ 614-299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSSDRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220
Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. IXE has a BBS.
☎ (317) 894-8040 ask for Vicki.
monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS : P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245.
Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.
Sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture. Welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.
☎ messages: (313) 537-3267.
Crossroads Chatter

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202; Justina Williams, President.
At support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.
☎ (313) 842-5258
NGDO Key to Freedom

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):**c/o Tri-Ess, POB 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary).
Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD - **NATIONAL ASSOC. OF CROSSDRESSERS:** Address invalid at this time. Grace Bacon, Director.
An organization dedicated to education and outreach.
An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism

CD/TS/SO - I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:
P O Box 1153,
Grand Rapids MI 49501.
Social, support, and educational group. Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.
Members hip confidential.

CD/TS/SO - NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY:
c/o Tricia Marie Benton,
P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770
Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting.

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER:
Sandra L. Samons,ACSW,CAC
1480 Shevchenko,
Ann Arbor MI 48103
Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and yourcall will be returned.
☎ (313) 663-7871.

INNERCHANGE COUNSELING CENTER, P.C.
Lee Padula, PhD,
7677 Professional Center Drive, Suite 110C, Livonia MI 48154
Psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified sex therapist. Hours by appointment. Phone answered 24 hours.
☎ (313) 953-3333.

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - IOWA ARTISTRY:
Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.
Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs.
Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:
1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802
Social support group for all genderists. Meet first Sunday of the month at 6pm.
☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:
P O Box 12164,
Des Moines IA 50312
Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW
Counselling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals.
☎ (515) 277-7754

WISCONSIN (530-548)

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:
Pathways Counseling Center,
2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230,
First Financial Building
Milwaukee WI 53226-1304
A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and re-assignment reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Contact Gretchen Fincke, MSSW, or Roger Northway, MS.
☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:
Great Lakes Gender Clinic
4964 North Cumberland Blvd,
Whitefish Bay WI 53217
Charles A.Kiley, ACSW QCSW
Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.
☎ (414) 332 5407

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.
An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listings for members. Interview required.
Newsletter

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:
CLCC, P O Box 16265,
Minneapolis MN 55416
Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered . Interview before coming to the first party.
☎ (612) 229-3613

DISTRICT 202:
2524 Nicollet Ave. So.
Minneapolis MN 55408.
Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality,
1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180
Minneapolis, MN 55454
A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Eli Coleman,Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals; psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care.
☎ (612) 625 1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Program in Human Sexuality,
Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health,
U. of Minnesota, Medical School,
1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180,
Minneapolis MN 55454.
In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.
☎ (612) 625-1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)
SOUTH DAKOTA (580-599)
MONTANA (590-599)

ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲- CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:
POB 40,Wood Dale IL 60191-0040.
Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self. Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line,library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.
☎ (708) 364-9514
Newsletter

TS - THE SUNDAY SOCIETY:
The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder.
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.
☎ (312) 486-3125,
(312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657
Social and educational support group. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, .
☎ (312) 434-5445
Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION : CIGA, P O Box 126, Washington IL 61571
Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required.
☎ (309) 444-9918; contact: JoAnn .
Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD:
2120 Sheridan Road,
Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psyciatric consultations.
☎ (708) 432-7007

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117.
MAGGIE affiliate, A social support

group for all. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events.
Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOS group meets for professionals and significant others.

☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 567-8615.
Please leave contact information.

Gateway Femmes Gazette,

▲ - **KAPPA GAMMA MU, TRI-ESS:** Kappa Gamma Mu, P O Box 98, Belton MO 64012-0098.
See "Society for the Second Self," Tulare, California.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6
Education, advocacy, and support legal support.

Quarterly newsletter

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO -CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: CAF, Box 93, Overland Park KS 66214.
MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/ocial night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program.

Newsletter

TS - GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT: Address invalid at this time.
Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender. Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to F-M's and M-F's equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings. Contact Anne Ogborn.

TV/TS - WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.
MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit from group.

Newsletter

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

The Transformer

▲ - **RHO CHI RHO CHAPTER - TRI ESS:** Chapter discontinued. Contact: River City Gender Alliance, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

LOUISIANA (700-714)

▲ - **TRI DELTA CHI, TRI-ESS:** Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300.
New Orleans chapter of the Society for the Second Self serving members in southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida. This is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/SOs, and is primarily a "social" support group.
Meetings the second Saturday of every month in New Orleans. Screening required for new members.

The Flip Side

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** , P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.
See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

TV/TS - CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104;
Social organization and support group. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

TV/TS - DESIRE: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

FTM - RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK: ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001.
FtM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Bi-monthly meetings,, national FtM network. Referrals from other support organizations or physicians. Inquire on BBS.

☎ (214) 641-4842, Aaron Davis.

Newsletter

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER:** P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021.
Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

The Texas Rose

TV/TS - TRI-PLEX GENDER ASSOCIATION: Address invalid at this time.
Transgender support group. Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month in Waco or Dallas. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's *Gender EUPHORIA*. TPGA members will receive magazine.

TV/TS - HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE/NW: HTGA-NW, c/o Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413; (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT).
Transgender support group. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in San Angelo, Texas. Personal interview.

Petticoat Junction

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: ICTLEP, 5707 Firenza Street, Houston TX 77035-5515
Annual conference in Houston, Texas each August. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours available. Published Proceedings available. Write for more information.

TS - TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS: Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, Saturday, 2-5pm, July 11, 1992 and November 14, 1992. $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming.

☎ (713) 333-2278

GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: GCTC, P.O. Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, a social organization for the transgender community. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Monthly newsletter, . Sponsors annual "Fantasy Adventure Weekend." Screening required for new members.

☎ (713) 780-GCTC,
(713) 780-4282 voice

Gulf Coast Transgender Community

TS/SO - TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS: TATS, P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401. Taylor Montgomery.
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must make contact before attending.

Newsletter

☎ 0-700-720-6828

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:** Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105.
Social support group. Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male self) **Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members.

☎ (713) 988-8064 voice.

Femme Forum

CD - HEART OF TEXAS: HT, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.
A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their spouses/partners, and families. Meetings on the first Saturday of each month. Spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS). Social activities and outreach pro-

gram. Interview required before attending meeting. Mailings discreet.

☎ (210) 980-7788,
before 9:00pm CT, please.

Cross Currents

CD/SO -WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT: WATS, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.

A support group for women involved with transgendred men. Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month, 3:00pm. Names are confidential.

☎ (210) 438-7604,
before 9:00pm, CT, please.

Partners

TS - SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212.

. Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required.

Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY: P O Box 700042,SanAntonio TX 78270-0042.

Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support,
TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.

☎ (512) 545-3668 (live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT)
FAX (512) 545-4888. (Mon.-Fri. approx 6am-5pm CT)

Gender Euphoria

SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION: c/o Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042,SanAntonio TX 78270-0042.

STAR Connection is a coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues. Group membership is voluntary and self-selecting. Open to all transgender support groups in the region.

Member Groups: Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter (tentative member).

TV/TS/SO - AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE: P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761. .

All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.* - Camus. Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Personal interview.

☎ (512) 515-5460
Wednesdays 7-9pm

▲ - ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS: P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159.

Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.

☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

FIRST SATURDAY: Meets in El Paso TX, see listing under NM.

ALICE WEBB,MSW,CSW-ACP
Atrium Crest Building,
18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste 560,
Houston TX 77058

Therapist formerly of the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch, recently in private practice in Galveston, Texas, now affiliated with Larry Nahmias, MD, and Blanca Diez, MD.

☎ (713) 333-2278,
Fax (713) 333-2293.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:
1103 Rosenberg,
Galveston TX 77550.

Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70's professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. A trademark of the Galveston program has been excellence in both clinical service and research activities. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention.

☎ (409) 763-0016.

GEORGE R. BROWN,MD:
11163 Mesquite Flat,
Helotes TX 78023

Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses HBIGDA standards of Care.

COLORADO (800-816)

▲ - DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): P.O. Box 16208, Denver CO 80216

A support/social groupwith monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual CDs only. Screening interview before attending .

Femme Mirror

TV/TS - GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.: GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211.

Eeducational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. . G.I.C. also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.

☎ (303) 458-5378.

TV/TS - SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through GIC.

An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting.

☎ (303) 458 5378.

TV/TS - NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact - Gender Identity Center,

An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

☎ (303) 458 5378

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:
Tomye Kelley, MA,
8972 Oberon Rd,
Arvada CO 80004;

Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum.

☎ (303) 420-9885.

WYOMING (820-831)

TV/TS - WYOMING/NORTH COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: Contact via the Gender Identity Center, Colorado

Call for information and directions .

☎ (303) 458-5378

IDAHO (832-838)

UTAH (840-847)

▲ - ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.

See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE: Dept. of Psych., University of Utah, College of Medicine,50 North Medical Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84132
Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.
Details not available at this time.

☎ 801-581-7951

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - A ROSE: P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623.

Social activities, meetings, educational programs.

A Rose News

▲ - ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.

A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.

The Cactus Flower

TV/TS - SORORITY: P O Box 50151, Tucson AZ 85703-1151.

Education and support about makeup and clothes. Inquire.

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE: 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies

Offers referrals to local professionals specializing in gender dysphoria: cosmetic surgeons, groups, events, and educational opportunities for the gender community. A listening ear and a current list of professionals. All calls are confidential.

☎ (602) 293-3456.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Grant, ACSW, Ph.D., 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283,

Nature: Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues.

Services: Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, appointments available evenings, days, weekends.

☎ (602) 897-0444, 234-1656.

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.

Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess.. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members.

Fiesta!

TV/TS - FIRST SATURDAY FOR TV/TS: Address invalid at this time.

Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Whatever Club in El Paso, Texas. Person must meet with a member and establish their credentials. Call to set up an appointment.

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO -JENNIFER & FRIENDS: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.

Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

CARING COUNSELING:
Nancy Lee, PhD,
2061 Market Street,
Reno NV 89502

Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One or two hour sessions.

☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TS - AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER: A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028
Amanda Silvestri, Director.

Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electro-logists, medical and psychological help, speakers, and a newsletter.

☎ (213) 469-4709

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.

Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess.

☎ (213) 876-6141

Alpha Bits

TV - ANDROGYNY: Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048;

Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

☎ (213) 467-8317 Shirley/ Sheila, (213) 856-4867 Rachel. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm PT.

TV/TS - CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME: P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803.

Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - ON THE SCENE NIGHT: Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.

Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City.

TV Epic

TV /SO - CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009.

CHIC is for heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners. Meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month. Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests.

☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.

CHIC Clippings

CD/TS - CD SOCIAL GROUP: PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

TV/TS/SO - FEMININE IMAGE SUPPORT: c/o Gail Ann Windsor, POB 5011, Hemet, CA 92544-0011

Social club offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your sexual preference or practices. SOss and novices are most welcome.

Meetings held at 7:30pm on the first Saturday of each month in a private meeting room at ALICIA'S FASHIONS. Interview needed.

TV/TS/SO - NEUTRAL CORNER: P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112.

A self-help group, purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, list of helping professionals.

☎ (619) 685-3696

TS - PHOENIX RISING: c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.

A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: , P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713;

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write.

☎ (714) 262-9105.

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA):** P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92802.

Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA: PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686.

Open social and support group. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern California Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required.

☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message.

PPOC Girl Talk

▲ - **TRI-CHI:** P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

: Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF:** Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, , and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.

☎ (209)688-9246

Femme Mirror

TV/TS - GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456.

GCA is an educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contribu-tions are welcome.

▲ - **SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** See Alpha Chapter Tri-Ess, serving the Los Angeles area.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano,
Suite 203, San Juan
Capistrano CA 92675
Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D.,Director.

A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow,PhD
10350SantaMonicaBlvd.Ste 310
Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/ crossdressing.

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd.Ste 100 Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/,lesbian/ gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: Roxanne Cherry, M.A., 937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F Claremont CA 91711;
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.
☎ (213) 202-1820, (714) 624-6539

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/ transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or by correspondence.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TV/TS - TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO: 504 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call , have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy.

FTM - FPSG: #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990.
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS/SO - EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL: ETVC, PO B 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social / educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members. ETVC and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.
☎ (510) 549-2665
if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112
ETVC Newsletter

TV/TS - SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION: SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486.
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of crossdressers and transsexuals. Meetings .
Newsletter

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885
Informal, social support group Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons.
☎ (510) 849-4112
Devil Woman

FTM/SO - FEMALE-TO-MALE: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618.
Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Inquire.

TV - THURSDAY IRREGULARS: c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541.
For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.
Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. Visitors are welcome.
Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION: SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456
SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups .
☎ (800) 585-7742
Newsletter

TV/TS - SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP: Address invalid at this time.
JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual. Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

CD/TS/SO - NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER: Address invalid at this time.
Social support group provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only. Call hotline for an appointment.
☎ (916) 529-2201

▲ - SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS: P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.
See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454 Ms Tauria Linala,
Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program. Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.
☎ (805) 922-1309...voice, (805) 549-0961...data.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 4447, San Francisco CA 94101; Joni E. Israel, Director.
A private personal growth consultation program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/ Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional consultation & training.
☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102
We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' / 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.
☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610
Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale.
☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION
HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306
Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.
☎ (415) 326-4645

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:
Address invalid at this time.
A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races. Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.
D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901
Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.
☎ (415) 456-4452

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: HTGO, 1142 Auahi Street, Suite 3114, Honolulu HI 96814-3128
Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information.
☎ (808) 923-4270
Newsletter

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER:
SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224
Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.
☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208
A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all of our girls to attend as often as possible.
☎ (503) 774-8463
Newsletter

ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER:
Address invalid at this time.
All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.
☎ (503) 230-1036

TV/TS/SO - CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:
P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

TS - SALMACIS: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist;
Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.
☎ (503) 688-4282
(Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).
Femmes Together and *The Equalitarian Feminist.*

TS - SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.
A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS /SO - TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS:
TLF, Seattle Washington 98103
Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.
☎ (206) 292-1037

CD - EMERALD CITY: P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
The Emerald City is a social, educational, organization serving the crossdressing community. Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of crossdressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored
☎ (206) 284-1071
Newsletter

▲ - OMEGA ALPHA, TRI-ESS:
P O Box 876, Stanwood WA 98292.
Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122
Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.
☎ (206) 329-6651

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE for SEXUAL MINORITIES:
200 West Mercer, Ste 300, Seattle WA 98119
Sylvie McGee, Director.
Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities dealing with a wide range of issues. Provides individual and group support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.
☎ (206) 282-9314 Admin., (206) 282-9307 Support, information, referral.

ALASKA (995-999)

CD/TS - THE BERDACHE SOCIETY: c/o Nora Jean York, POB 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.
A social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.
The Berdache Voice

CANADA

TS - ETRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2
French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.
☎ (418) 529-1152.

TS/SO - FACT - QUEBEC: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.
Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.
Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are

feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the media and others.

TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISONSucc 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. : Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distrib-ution Director/Canadian Regional Director,

Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS who is pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. Quarterly newsletter. All incoming mail is screened to insure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered.

TV/TS/SO - CLUB MET (Formerly TAM): Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8

Social support group .Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter.

☎ (514) 528-8874

Garter Press

TS - FACT - OTTAWA: FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1G 3T9.

Support group primarily for transsexuals. Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a time for a callback.

☎ (613) 238-1717

TS - TRANSEQUAL:

TransEqual is a network of cooperating activist members who assist one another in Canadian-based rights advocacy projects promoting the equality issues of transgenderists and transsexuals. Information kits, Canadian-based rights information, support for other rights active groups. Membership is limited to publicly known "rights on" transsexuals and transgenderists. Mailing lists are confidential.

☎ (416) 688-0276.

TS - TRANSITION SUPPORT: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Annual membership fee. . Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public.

Inquire for details.

Trans News

TV/TS - CHRYSALLIS: , Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2H 5A5.

Support group. Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, 7:00-10:00pm.

TV/TS - STREET OUTREACH SERVICES: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8

Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one workers.

☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TS/SO - GENDER MOSAIC: P O Box 7421, Vanier (Ottawa) Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Social support group for transgendered persons and their companions. Social meetings the first Saturday of the month, workshop meetings on 3rd Wednesday, weekly support meetings. Regular meetings are alcohol free. Canadian Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide. Attendance by member referral only.

☎ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO -CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process.

☎ (416) 921-6112(24 hours)

CanadianCrossdresserMagazine

PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB: P O Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5C7 CANADA

Open,support, social and educational club with accent on fun. Club is just forming, so please correspond to learn of when and where meetings will be. Inquiries welcome. Modest screening process, filling in application form.

TV/TS/SO - MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization . Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service . Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide.* Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the first weekend in October. Membership interview.

☎ (416) 949-6602

Newsletter

Annual yearbook

▲ - PHI SIGMA TRI-ESS: Box 803, 6808 Ogden Road S. E., Calgary,Alberta,CANADA T2H 1B4.

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Meets informally six times a year. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Inquire.

TV/TS/SO - ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:Box2000,6808OgdenRd.S.E., Calgary,Alberta,CANADAT2C 1B4.

Social support group meeting twice a month.

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB: Box 33002 Glenwood PO, Edmonton,Alberta,CANADAT5P 4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter.

Illusions

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia,CANADAV4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are thosevisiting from other cities. Meetings held 7:00pm-11:00pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place.

By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - DREAM GIRLS: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information.

Private interview required.

TS - ZENITH FOUNDATION: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational and informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/SO - CORNBURY SOCIETY: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1.

Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and wives. Inquire.

GENDERSERVE: Address invalid at this time.

Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television/mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling/ therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto,Ontario, CANADA M5T 1R8.

Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking.

☎ 416-979-2221, ext. 2339

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z 1M9. Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. Not a "gatekeeper." Gender reassignment surgery is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery.

☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:
Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2, Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. Mexico.
Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.
☎ and FAX 673-53-12

ENGLAND

TV - BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX England. Information 081-756-1782.
Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdresserss throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member.
The Beaumont Bulletin

TS/SO - WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP: BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help. Inquire.

TV/TS -SEAHORSE SOCIETY: BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured.
☎ Newsletter

TV/TS - BEAUMONT TRUST: BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - THE GENDER TRUST: BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.
A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured.
☎ 071 730 7453 from
7-10pm Thursday(transsexuals)
7-10pm Tuesday(transvestites)

FTM/SO - FTM NETWORK: FTM, BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND
Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, advice, referrals, occasional social events for F-Ms and their loved ones.
Boy's Own

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND
A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.
☎ 0323 641100
dyscourse

TV/TS - NEW TRANSESSEX: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT
Social club. Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor. There is a quarterly magazine, , and a help line. Inquire. Very secure.
☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm.
Reflections

TV/TS - LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary
See 'Beaumont Society.'
Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.
☎ 051 709 4745
Friday evenings only

TV/TS - INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.
An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester): Jenny Baker, , P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.
Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar, meals. Accomodation available.
Cross Talk

TV/SO - ROSE'S: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND; 0742-342870.
A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.' Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Full confidentiality assured.
Repartee

SCOTLAND

TV/SO - GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP: 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.
Open to members of other groups.
Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester, 03398 83695.
Reflections

TV/TS - THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP: address invalid at this time.
Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, at 1.00 for 2.00pm. Meetings in Glasgow every second and fourth Monday from 7.00pm. Very conscious of the need for individual security. Wives and partners welcome.
☎ 031 556 4049 (7.30-10.00pm).

TV/TS/SO - CROSSLYNX TV/TS GROUP: Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.
Provide help and support to all . No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are conscious of the need for security.

CD/SO - TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND): Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND. Tel 031-555 6416.
Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please enclose a SAE.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P.O. Box 210, Belfast BT1 1BG N. IRELAND.
Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Association Beaumont Continentale, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.
See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

DOTEURS DE FRANCE: Doteurs de France, Chateau de la Frogerie, 45240 Ligay le Ribault, FRANCE. Phone: 38454100.
This is a continuation of the work started by Pasteur Douce and the CCL.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, Switzerland.
Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - DE STICHTING REBORN: Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS.
Social support group . Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries.
☎ 010-4503469
Newsletter

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM
Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren,
internist/endocrinologist,
Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology,
Free University Hospital,
P O Box 7057, 1007 MB
Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 Gender Dysphoric clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up.

☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

GERMANY

TV/TS - TRANSIDENTITAS: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY

Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire.

☎ 069 8001008

TV - TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE: c/o MANNEGE, FRIEDRICHSTRASSE 165 (HAUS DER DEMOKRATIE) 10117 BERLIN GERMANY

Support group for men who like to crossdress. Counseling, monthly open meetings every first Monday at 7:30 pm at the above address, rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.

Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

☎ 030 208 21 57

TS - VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.: VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY

Self-help group for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and a Christmas meeting. Write for more information.

☎ 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

▲ - FPE-FRANKFURT: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Neuhofst. 41/ H11, 60318 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY

Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending.

NORWAY

TV - FPE-NE: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY.

An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

SWEDEN

TV/SO - FPE-NE: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN.

See F.P.E. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

TV/SO - FPE-SWEDEN: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

TV/TS - SETA: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND

National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals, where around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki.

☎ 358-0-1358302

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.

See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY.

A group representing Transvestites and Transsexuals of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.

☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - SEXUAL LIBERTIES: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.

This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. This includes a representative from the above community.

PAKISTAN

TV - KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN: Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan.

Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

☎ code 05921 6158leave message, or 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA.

Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc. Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/ shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate.

Phoenix Rising

RUSSIA

TV/TS - ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW: Margaret Mankevich, 678190 Aihal, Yakutia, Gagarina Str No 28, Flat No 3, RUSSIA. Telephone 1119.

Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/ asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention.

Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOP.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel.

JAPAN

TS - ELIZABETH CLUB: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN. Telephone 03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

Queen

TS - ELIZABETH CLUB: 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members.

Queen

TS - ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN

See Elizabeth Club listings above.

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.: The Secretary, Box 168, Westgate, New South Wales 2048, AUSTRALIA.

The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no

screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TV/SO - SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia.

Details of activities not yet available.

TV/SO - THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

The largest continuously active club in Australia. A social/support organization forCDs and their families.

We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Seahorse Victoria

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: No longer active.

TV/TS/SO - CARROUSEL CLUB: , c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.

Social support group. Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well.

Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

TV/TS - THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia

A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

☎ 369-2613

Nu-Scene

CD - CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Loretta Strange, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100.

Meeting place for CDs to change and socialize. Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursday 8:30-11:00pm. Door fee. Monthly newsletter. Counselling, talks. Write for details.

NEW ZEALAND

TV - HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

TV/TS/SO - NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION: NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Irregularly scheduled meetings. Bimonthly newsletter,. Lending collection of books, videos, lingerie.Membership only to CD, TV, TS, SO.

La Femme

TV/TS - THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND. (Miss Leone Neil.)

A low-profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of transpeople. Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social environment for functions and entertainment.

TS - TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/ TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION: TOPs/ TEWAHO, P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND

TS advocacy and peer support group, HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter.

On TOPs

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Box 21163, De Tijger, 7502, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President.

The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

Fanfare

TV/TS/SO - SATRU:c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA

Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

If there are any newsletter titles, corrections, additions or deletions from this present list please mail them to
TV/TS Tapestry Journal

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd-request@valis.biocad.com or uunet!sgi!biocad!valis!cd-request

Nature: Electronic mailing list digest.

Services: Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees.

Security: Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Nature: Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone interested in transgenderism and related issues.

Services: News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

ALTERNATIVES: New York, NY. Disconnected, not in service.

Services: Support and entertainment for the TV/TS/TG community. Extensive libraries and special interest groups. Health SIG supervised by a licensed, practicing physician. Growing AIDS library, and a private SIG for PWAs (People with AIDS). Also open to gays and lesbians. BBS located in a PC-Pursuit gateway for major reductions in long distance charges.

GENDERLINE:

Nature: BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

Services: Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission by System Operator HSX forum B (GO HSX 200 at any prompt). Discreet support community for both TVs and TSs. Consists of closed forum, conference area, and extensive data library of factual information and archived discussions of topics of concern.

NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD: (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.

Services: Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.

Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Nature: Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc.

Services: Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: Grand Rapids, MI: Not in service at this time.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

Services: The Gender Forum also has a 'Companion Support Forum' exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; (612) 891-1225; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

US TOO: Chicago, IL: Not in service at this time.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

Services: Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

Security: Call first.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (708) 416-8894.

Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture

PUSS N BOOTS: Grand Prairie TX Board phone (214) 641-1822 node 1 (1200-16.8 baud), (214) 641-1978 nodes 2 & 3 (1200-2400 baud only).

Nature: BBS for gender community. 24 hours/day, seven days/week. Acces is free to gender community.

Security: Mention *Tapestry* in your logon questionnaire. If you live full time in your gender of choice, leave me a message.

THE OTHER SIDE: Boulton & Park Society, San Antonio, TX. (512) 545-4888; M-F approx. 5pm - 6am CT, most times on weekends; suggest N/8/1; 300/1200/2400 baud.

Nature: Electronic mail and information exchange with Boulton & Park Society. Some text files available for public download.

Log-On: For access to The Other Side, leave private E-Mail to SysOp with request. Security level mormally upgraded within 24 hours. User names are kept confidential.

CROSS LINK: Denver, CO: Not in service at this time.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service

Services: When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

FEMINET: (408) 335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TVs, TSs, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

Services: Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be logged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 766-TVTS (766-8887).

Nature: Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. 300/1200/2400/9600 v.42bis N/8/1, 4 lines.

Services: News and information, games, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. More! Two week demo with discreet sign up.

TerraNet BBS: Accessible via PC Pursuit-CASAN node in Santa Ana, (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex. Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, TRANSGENDER and POLIGEND echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Users receive 30 days full access as new users. Then it is $30/year. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Information Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

MYTH'S REALITY: Anchorage AK (907) 333-3425 or (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600, 8-N-1.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community.

Services: Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus.

Security: Sysop access approval in writing. Coded pass-word access upon approval.

COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.

The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: *Tapestry*, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.

Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (508) 358-2305 (Tues,7-10pm, EST).

Rosebuds is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue. Mailing list is confidential.

ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS: Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

Permanent hair removal for males and females.

TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/ Spiritual Values: Address not valid at this time.

A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm).
Muriel Olive, Director.

Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion: a Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

A newsletter written by and about transsexuals

CORSET DIGEST: CD, Dept. 174, 4514 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta GA 30338.

Monthly newsletter for wearers, collectors, and connoisseurs of elegant foundation garments.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.

A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207.

Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex Cd Corporation.

PETTICOAT JUNCTION MAGAZINE: P.J. Publications, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413, Marlina Dawn Murphy, Editor/Publisher.

Monthly non-sexual magazine. Also publishes the official *Texas T Party Photo Annual*. News, events, photographs, issues, and articles of concern to the gender community, their significant others and their supporters.

Mailing list strictly confidential.

PARTNERS: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

Newsletter expressly for couples in the transgender community.

DRAGAZINE: , P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.

Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.

Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Also publishes annual Southern California resource guide. Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. 24-hour-a-day local information hotline (818) 776-8504.

News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, Roger Peo's "Notebook," significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, Sandy Thomas fiction excerpts, JoAnn Roberts' *Hotstuff*, reviews, reader profiles, and feature articles. Magazine mailed in plain brown envelope without identifying markings.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 494-2952.

Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions. All sessions confidential.

FOCUS: Address invalid at this time.

A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Provides a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make new friends.

GenderFlex: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Does accept interactive submissions of letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems, etc.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER: 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.

Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

BOY'S OWN: FTM Newsletter, 376 Upper Brook street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND.

Periodical publication. Write for more information.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, P O Box 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

Periodical about a variety of crossdressing issues.

Tartan Skirt: ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN, SCOTLAND

Scottish quarterly TV publication.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

Publisher of *Queen* Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

Nature: SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Nature: Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

Services: Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY: c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.

Nature: Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking freewill donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prosthese of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc. Also seeking Oriental, Latin American, Pacific Island and Northwest African anthropological and archaelogical items, statues of dieties and from male-actress theater.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.

Nature: A non-profit academic research and study facility.

Services: Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778

Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background. Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

PERSONAL LISTINGS

PERSONAL LISTINGS OBJECTIVES:

1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal and Supporters of I.F.G.E.
2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.
3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the Crossdressing/Transsexual Community.

WHO MAY PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

To place a personal listing you must be an up-to-date General Subscriber (or an IFGE Supporting Member). As a subscriber, your personal listing is free of charge for the duration of your subscription. Also, your mail will be forwarded at no cost to you.

HOW TO PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

Fill out the form on the back of the subscription form. Please note that there is a limit of fifty words for the text. Your ad may be edited for length and for taste. Please be discreet. Also, note that we will only publish addresses that are Post Office box numbers as part of the ad. No home addresses will be published in the Personal Listings. The last number after your name is the last issue of TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal you will receive on your subscription.

HOW TO RESPOND TO A PERSONAL:

1) To avoid compromising security, home addresses will no longer be printed with the Personal Listings.
2) Please follow these intructions when answering an ad:
   (A) Place your letter in an unstamped envelope.
   (B) Pencil in the name, state prefix, and membership number appearing after the name. (Be sure to use pencil so the name can be erased.)
   (C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
   (D) Place the letters to be forwarded in another envelope & mail to: TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal , *P.O. BOX 367, WAYLAND, MA 01778*

PUERTO RICO (000 - 009)

MASSACHUSETTS (010 - 027)

AUDREY M.
(E MA-M0280-K1855-65)
MWM bi-TV, 55, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

EVE B.
(E MA-M0508-K0107-67)
Long time member Tri-Ess. Now single with pleasant suburban home. Free for visits and to entertain. Will answer all.

SUSAN A.
(MA-P-M0064-K0206-67)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-68)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

VALERIE VINCENT
(EMA-P-M0273-K0122-66)
Member TCNE. Centerfold in the *Transvestian*. 5'10", 150, long hair, blue eyes, wear nails 1 1/2 " inches long. Pre-op TS on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in writing to TVs, TSs and women; fashion, makeup, photo sessions. Love being a woman. "Wish to correspond with TV/TSs, and women who find TSs interesting. Will write to all."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff. Member TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing. SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a hell of a good time. "Try to answer all, but no guarantee."

RHONDA SMITH
(E MA-P-M0317-K0144-65)
Supporting member of IFGE. Attended Tri-Ess conventions, TCNE P-Town Outing. TG, 5'6", 130 pounds, blue-eyes, blonde, nondrinker, nonsmoker. Interested in travel, photography, classical music, and clothing design. "If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, who's holding her?"

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON
(E MA-M0661-K-65)
Member TCNE. MWM, 42, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, TS inclinations. Interested in music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running. " Enjoy long walks on the seashore with intimate conversation and fun."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-67)
Member TCNE. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Ho Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area, companionship and like interests."

SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-67)

SBiWM TV, 37, 5'10", 170, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine. Would like to correspond with other TVs, TSs and understanding women to improve my attire, femininity, etc. Honest relationships considered."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-68)
SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

LILA WALTON
(MA-P-M1381-K0037-65)
For personal description, see Personal Listing in *Tapestry* issue #60. "Interested in connecting gender people to employers and vice versa. Establishing a Gender Job Net. Seeking tips on contacting employers. I'm reaching talented people."

EDITH S.
(MA-M1519-K0054-66)
MWM, TS, 48, three children, investment counselor. Interests include squash, tennis, acting, travel, outdoor work, classical music. "I would like to talk with, meet TSs/TVs of similar background and situation to discuss how to cope with spouse, children, job, M-F transition."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-NP-M1648-K0121-65)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 51, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out and developing the ability to pass in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friends who are sincere and have the same interests."

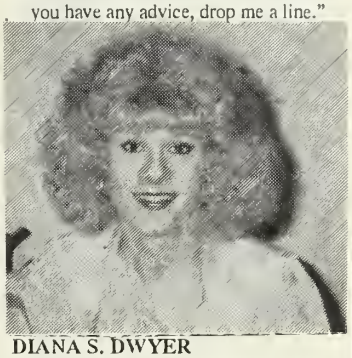
DIANE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-67)
5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in MacIntosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-P-M1815-K1964-67)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88, '89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking & thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND
(SE MA-P-M1923-K2160-65)
Member Tiffany Club. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Married, 6', 170, 44, CD, with fashionable tates. Interested in CD videos, crossdressing, sports, developing a support group for CDs in SE MA. "So far I've received inspiration from numerous responses. Will meet soon. Join us! Write now!"

CANDY SCOTT
(MA-M2050-K2447-65)
Member of Innvestments. Tall redhead/blonde. Interested in photography, reading current events, geo-politics. Helping Innvestments, Cape-area club for Ts of all kinds, to get off the ground. Need more members, supporters from Cape Cod, SE MA, and the Islands.

JAMI DOUGLAS
(MA-P-M2140-K2535-65)
Single crossdresser, 5'10", 150, 27. Interested in fitness, shopping, movies. "Would love to hear from other E MA crossdressers. Feel I need to get out of my apartment as Jami, but lack confidence. If you have any advice, drop me a line."



DIANA S. DWYER
(W MA-P-M2146-K2539-65)
Single transgendered person, 26, 5'11", 180, nonsmoker, light drinker. Would like to hear from other transgendered individuals who are sincere, honest, and compassionate. Will reply to most mail as long as it's done with taste and discretion. Makeup advice given free of charge.

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-65)
"A caring and nurturing CD, I love high fashion, but am learning everyday feminine appearance, too. Seeking the spiritual and emotional side of the transgendered experience. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Active in supporting and building our community, and in advocating a political agenda that builds human and civil rights for the gender community."

BOBBIE DAVIES
(W MA-M2238-K2681-65)
MWM, 42, hetero. Interested in tennis, martial arts, anything feminine. "Hi! My name is Bobbie. Been a TV as long as I can remember. Love lingerie, negligees, and being a woman. I wear bra and panties every day, and soft silky negligees to bed at night. My wife knows, does not understand, but accepts me as I am. Need to be a woman. Need a pen pal for girl talk. Write soon."

JOY SPENCER
(MA-M2530-K3700-67)
Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember, have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Like to correspond with individuals or couples traveling the road to acceptance. Have adopted the name Joy because that is what I hope to find with acceptance."

JENNIFER M.
(SE MA-P-M2585-K3754-65)
35, 5'10", WM, bi-TV, TS tendencies, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Have been crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy being feminine. Would like to hear from TV/TSs. Send photo and phone number so we can get together. Will return all letters."

RISE CARMEN
(NE MA-NP-M2615-K0090-65)
MWM, Bi, middle-aged closet TV. Adores femme dressing and lingerie. "Wife objects to my crossdressing, I seek the friendship of a sympathetic and supportive woman/ other TVs for correspondence and meetings. Prefer NE MA, SO NH, SO ME. No racial barriers."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-67)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don

a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-67)
MWM, 6', 190, mid 40's, wife knows, understands, but not in her presence. "Two years in therapy and now a group has enabled me to accept myself for what I am. But, I have yet to have a full dressing experience. Need encouragement. Need direction. Need friends."

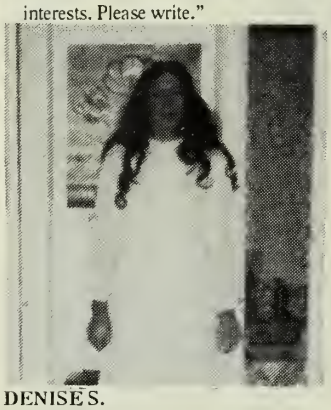
JOAN R.
(E MA-M2841-K4747-65)
Member TCNE. "I am a very fortunate TG to have such a wonderful spouse, friends, and support."

ROBIN W.
(SE MA-M2845-K3132-66)
Member of Eulenspiegel Society. Large, mystical, fun-loving, with intact sense of humor, lusty, submissive. Interested in native culture, spiritual quests, art, dressmaking. "Would like to form a community to live harmoniously with Mother Earth with a focus on increased spiritual interaction and meditation for improving diversity of human vision."

TRACI S.
(MA-P-M2942-K5013-65)
Member XX Club/CIGNE Program, AEGIS. Pre-op (M-F) TS, 31, 5'2", 108, brunette, hazel eyes. "I'm well on my way toward gender congruency (SRS by 1994), thanks to everyone's support! Frantic schedule restricts correspondence to other gender dysphorics (TSs) who wish to provide and/or receive information/advice relevant to our plight."

SHARON LOVELY
(MA-P-M3122-K5659-66)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'6", medium build, blue eyes, black hair, 29, WM, bi TV. Interested in dressing, fishing, and shopping. "Would like to have a sisterly relationship with a TV my age. Will correspond with TVs too far away to meet."

MICHELLE C.
(MA-M3139-K5889-66)
DWM, 5'9", 165, brown eyes, long black hair. Interested in shopping, makeup, projecting better image. "Drifted away for a few years, would now like to pick up where I left off. Like to become an active member of our society again, meet and correspond with others with feminine interests. Please write."



DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3143-K-66)
DWM, CD, 40, 5'8", 140. Interested in nature, gardening, tennis, acceptance of life path. "Need courage and support to get out of closet. Wish to meet accepting women, TV/TSs in area for friendship, development of inner and outer woman. Want to learn to deal with these desires, and to integrate the two different people I am. Looking for compatible TV/TS to share living space on North Shore."

ROBERTA STEEL
(MA-P-M3247-K6429-67)
Member CT Outreach Society, TCNE. 6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, a Western Mass TV/TS support group. "On way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in West. Mass."

KEVIN M.
(MA-M3277-K6457-67)
29, attractive, SWM. Interested in bicycling, hiking, camping out, sports, and history. "Former gender dysphoric empathetic to transsexual issues. Seeking TS for permanent relationship."

JULIE P.
(MA-P-M3491-K7205-67)
Member of Sunshine Group. MWM, 31, 5'7", TV. Interested in photography, music, shopping. "Love being feminine. Wish to get out with others for dining and fun. Also enjoy correspondence and photo exchange with other TV/TSs. Please write. Will answer all."

JULIE O.
(MA-M3632-K7085-68)
40, 6'2", 150, BiDWM, natural feminine features. Interested in photography, music, girl things, to overcome anxieties, total femininity/serenity. "Having a loving BiGG friend has freed my real feminine self. The transition is next. I love life and wish to share support of just becoming another woman in the world."

DAWN P.
(MA-M3825-K6222-65)
SWM, TV, 40, 5'9". Interested in just about everything, but mainly movies, outdoor activities, computers, cooking, shopping, dressing, anything feminine. "Hetero CD since early age. Shy, lonely and scared, but taking first steps out of my closet. I'm seeking GG, passable CD or TS friends for mutual support, correspondence, visiting, shopping, etc. Would love girl friends to share, help with makeup, wigs, . . . Goal; to be passable."

ROBIN R.
(MA-P-M3971-K7687-66)
Member of Tiffany Club of New England. 45, 6', 180, brown hair and eyes. Interested in boating, traveling, shopping, music. Love dressing completely. Love nylons, heels, lingerie. SWM, bi-closet TV. Enjoys dressing and meeting other TVs and CDs in Metro-West area. "Will answer all."

SUZANNE HAMILTON
(MA-P-M4006-K8683-66)
45, WBiM, 160, 5'8", TV, 160. "My love is to spend every free moment modeling and shopping for evening gowns and wedding gowns. I'm looking for a friend to share these moments of happiness. Each day I come to enjoy the new person I am, and would love to help you find that person in you. My fantasy is to be the model for a full photo layout of the blushing bride."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-67)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comfortable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-P-M4064-K8798-66)
TCNE, 5'8", 160, size 14, brown eyed brunette, 50, married, teenaged boys. Interested in skiing, sailing, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up, dining out, shopping, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute.

Simply wanting to appear as an attractive lady enjoying her femininity. Let's share experiences and grow together."

CAROLYN COLLINS
(MA-M3968-K-8586-65)
Attended Coming Together, '90/Boston. Young, attractive, pre-op TS. Interested in fitness, walking, poetry, Scrabble, quiet times. "Am trying to take the time to do things right, but it has me feeling in an in-between state. Like many, feeling somewhat isolated. I'd love to meet sisters for friendship and socializing."

WENDY BROOKS
(MA-NP-M4173-K9095-67)
MWM CD, 6', 175, 45. "I am just coming out and loving it. I have wonderful female friends who have helped me with clothing, makeup, and style. Would love to meet other CD/TVs for help. Interested in CD videos, music, photography, sports, shopping, fashion, and sharing crossdressing for fun and support."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-67)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

GWENDOLYN A. SPENCER
(RI-P-M2207-K2655-66)
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Starting a support group in RI."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

KERRI R.
(NH-NP-M1095-K0294-68)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy old friends, making new contacts."

JODI B.
(NH-M1457-K0272-66)
WM TV, 30's, 6', 200. Interested in athletics, linguistics, beekeeping, running, ephemera, gadgetry, and history. "Adventurous, curious, open-minded individual new to area seeks contacts with people in our community who have humor, compassion, and discretion."

DIANE O.
(NH-M1476-K0279-65)
WM TV, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in everything from a to z. "Looking for a TV, TS, or GG who would like to help me finally get out and do things. Am in need of a friend. Please send photo and phone. Will answer all."

RACHEL E.
(NH-M3760-K8206-68)
MWM, 5'4", 10 petite, late 40's, feel 30. Love Porsches, skiing, diving, beach days, step aerobics, and fashionable clothes. "Just recently discovered IFGE, Tri-Ess and am at the nervous but excited stage over the possible outside ventures. Really need other CDs to talk to RIGHT NOW. Letters, photos absolutely responded to in kind.

JOANNA C. ROBERTS
(NH-P-M4062-K8794-67)
Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 34, in good shape and can pass reasonably well. Interested in horseback riding, cooking, and computers. "Have been dressing since age five, but only recently found *Tapestry* and that there are others like me! Would like to meet others to talk about exploring feminine side."

MAINE (038- 047-)

LYNDA ANNE V.
(ME-M3007-K5262-65)
Member TransSupport. MWM, TS, 5'9", 50's, fair, blue eyes. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, Romantic novels, boating, shooting, and swimming. "Crossdressed since early age, often out in last twelve years. Passable, but family situation and small town location prevent my going out locally. Seeking TV/TS girlfriends, mid-coast area or lower ME with whom to dress or correspond."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-65)
Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, Tiffany Winter Outing, Poconos Weekend Miss Congeniality '91, Texas T-party. 5'10". "Enjoying my female self no end, and getting better all the time. Out of the closet regularly. Kids and young girls read me but who cares? Like to hear from others. I answer all mail promptly."

VICTORIA ANN S.
(VT-M4174-K0360-67)
Member of Echo Club, Sunshine Club. 6', 195, brown eyes and hair, still thin enough to look trim and pretty. "Love to go shopping, see movies, be with like sisters, and do other things girls do."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER
(CT-NP-M0212-K0374-68)
SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to crossdress, meet others, especially couples for girl talk and friendship. Been dressing since I can remember. Please, no long correspondence. I live alone in a small house in the country."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-67)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

DARLENE S. ROSS
(CT-M0838-K0390-66)
MWM, hetero CD, 5'8", 170, mature, retired. "Lifelong CD, nonsupportive wife, passive and shy, not passable (yet). Enjoy all things feminine from hair to heels. Interested in reading, travel, sports. Would likt to correspond with others with similar interests."

DAWN H.
(CT-M0858-K0377-68)
MTF pre-op TS in transition. Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150. Very sincere and caring person. Interested in sewing, '50s & '60s music and cars, water skiing, boating, quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-M1490-K0368-66)
Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light

brown hair, late 40's.
"Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."

CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-67)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-67)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

RAMONA G.
(S CT-P-M1948-K2274-68)
Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss P-town, 1991.64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

RONI THOMPSON
(CT-M2477-K3501-66)
Masculine, muscular, professional male. "Would love to wine, dine, and dance with any passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."

DIANE D.
(CT-P-M2962-K5108-65)
Member COS. SWM TV, 18/20 ultra tall, 38. Interested in golf, skiing, seven years 12 step experience. "Have been dressing fully over one year, now, and have made lots of great friendships, and growing wardrobe. Like to hear from all, especially tall sisters out there."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-67)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Have been dressing fully since early 20's, but just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Look forward to helping others and make life a total experience."

JACKIE ELLIS
(CT-P-M3301-K6560-66)
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspong, swap photos, meeting TVs."

HEATHER M.
(CT-M3218-K6212-66)
Member COS, MGA. Attended Fantasia Fair '92. 38, TG. Interested in being female—goal full-time—shopping, education to become female. "Want to meet, correspond with all TG/TS/CDs."

CANDY L.
(CT-NP-M4163-K8949-67)
5'10", 170, young-looking 35-year-old, passable and playful single. Interested in volleyball, golf, computers, dining out, movies, dancing. "Desire to meet an understanding woman for possible relationship."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

SUZIE M.
(N NJ-M0686-K0419-67)
MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels. "Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."

ELENA LEWIS
(NJ-NP-M1200-K0417-68)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. S TV, trim and petite. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. "Enjoy meeting mature minded men. Prefer local contacts only. No smokers, please. Enjoy dining, music, many cultural activities. Can advise other sisters."

JULIE C.
(NJ-M1460-K0452-65)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

SHARON DAVIDSON
(N NJ-P-M2342-K3051-66)
Married pre-op TS. 47. Interested in drum and bugle corps, cruising with family. "Like to meet and write to other TSs, particularly in NW Sussex County NJ. Wife and ten-year-old son accepting. Start 1993 living full time as Sharon."

JOANNE MICHELLE W.
(NJ-P-M2944-K5064-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, pre-TS, 36, 6'3", 195, brown eyes/hair, never married. Interested in everything female, malls, romance novels, writing, quiet nights with a good friend. "Open minded, sincere, pass well, want to hear from other TS/TVs and GGs to help me be the woman I am. Need a reassuring friend to get out of the house more. Very shy."

JODIE H.
(NJ-P-M3136-K5720-66)
SWM, hetero, late thirties, 5'10", 155, 10-12. Interested in love jazz, old movies, cars, stereos, dining out. "Been crossdressing my whole life. Still in the closet, but wish to pass. Love to meet other TV/TSs for friendship and get-togethers in NJ-NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly."

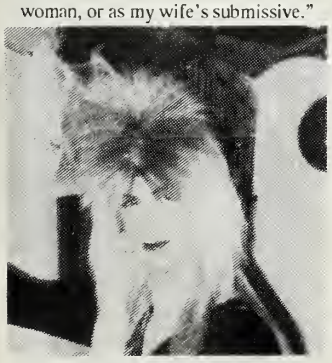
KATHI LEIGH H.
(NJ-M3024-K5328-65)
SWM, 39, 5'11", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, considered cute by friends. Interested in fishing, photography, new age music, nature walks, biking, and quiet evenings at home. "Mostly in the closet CD. Go out once in awhile at night, dressed. Wish to meet or hear from TV/TS or GG to help. Shy and easy to get along with."

KIM JOHNSON
(NJ-M3037-K5279-65)
5'9", 155. Interested in running, computers, sports, coaching Special Olympics. "Am a married hetero male. Crossdressing ever since I can remember. Would enjoy meeting others in area to make some new friends."

CAROLINE G.
(NJ-M3070-K5682-65)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 46, 22T. Trying to survive. "Lifelong CD still struggling to take the first step out of the closet. I really could use help with the fundamentals. A strong shoulder to lean on wouldn't hurt. Will answer all."

TERRY M.
(NJ-M3206-K-66)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

BABS C.
(NJ-M3219-K6211-66)
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM, late 40's. Supportive and understanding loving wife. Interested in twentieth century art, music, standardbred horses, tennis, decorating, and shopping. "As my alter ego I find contentment,excitement, escape from stress, whether as my own woman, or as my wife's submissive."



PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-M3297-K6553-67)
130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. Interested in dancing, shopping a must, dressing in club style and elegant fashions. TV working on TS ambitions. "Hopefully, spring '93 will be the start of my journey to happiness. Correspondence welcomed. God bless us all!"

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-66)
MWM, TV, 44, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TV couples for friendship and socializing. Can travel or entertain. Let's dress together. Photo appreciated. Single TVs also welcome to write."

JIOVANNA TOWERS
(NJ-NP-M3678-K7998-66)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network, AEGIS, MOTG. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan. Pre-op TS. 5'7", 135, blonde, single, live full-time. "Enjoy glamour, hairstyling, makeup, astrology, cooking, music and dancing, as well as hosting get-togethers in my home. On hormones since July '92. Want to correspond with the gender community: men, women, couples, F2M, too."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-NP-M3777-K8249-69)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Just drop me a line."

JANE T.
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-66)
6', 200, 49. Bored, never leave closet. Interests include corsets, rubber, mild B & D, flat shoes, not into heels or makeup. "Will write to all. Stuck in closet with no light. Married to cooperative wife."

CHARLET S.
(NJ-M3653-K7879-68)
Member Crossdressers International. Hetero, S, 51, 215, 5'10", hazel eyes. Interested in fashions, TV/TS publications, lingerie, and heels. Been to Paradise in the Poconos, Coming Together '93. "Haven't been out dressed. Seek TV/TS friendship and get-togethers in the NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly. Please, no sex letters and no men."

LINDA MARIE C.
(NJ-M3864-K4739-65)
5'8", 140, TV, Asian, 24. Interested in being a complete woman whenever I can. "Looking to hear from anybody interested in writing. I'm new to the scene. Love to be myself dressed. Especially love to hear from younger crowd, and girls near NJ."

STACY R.
(NJ-NP-M3870-K3467-65)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. Attended March on Washington, Paradise in the Poconos (spring '93). Type 4 TS(Benjamin Scale), independent thinker, compassionate, bright, easygoing and sober. Interested in transgenderism, environmentalism, growth healing, reading, hiking, music, Tai Chi. "Will respond to all. Especially need to hear from other nonsurgical transsexuals."

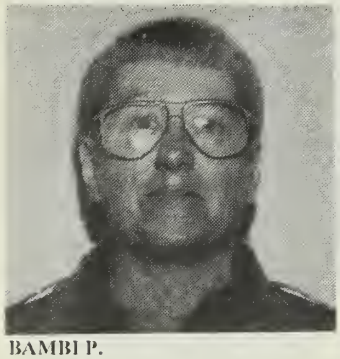
JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-68)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8505-65)
MWM, bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters w/ photo will be answered with the same."

DIANNE WHITE
(NJ-M4025-K5217-66)
SWM, 58, 5'11", TV borderline TS. Slime figure, nice legs. "I love dressing stylishly and provocatively. Tired of the closet. Seek supportive female's guidance and determination who says, 'Dianne, you will indeed go out in spike heels and a mini.' That's my dream. Would like to share yours or simply chat. All letters answered, all subjects."

SUSAN D.
(NJ-M4033-K6843-66)
5'8", 165, brown hair, blue eyes, 33, MWM. "Wife totally unaware of desire to live life as a woman. Interested in corresponding and meeting other M-F TSs who have been down this road for support and advice on how to go on with my transition."

BETH C.
(NJ-P-M4049-K8781-66)
Member of Renaissance. Treasurer of S NJ Renaissance. CD, 5'10", 140, 24, real blonde. Interested in dressing, writing, new friends, guitar, beach, pets, rock 'n' roll, a friend of Bill W. "Been dressing for five years. Have supportive girlfriend. Active in TG community. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TG/TSs for sharing interests, tips on building self esteem, and passing."



BAMBI P.
(NJ-P-M4098-K5668-67)
F-M seeking men only! Wants very masculine bi or gay genetic male. "I'm 5'3", over 45, classic writer-type. Easy going and educated."

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-66)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-NP-M0428-K0617-67)
Member TCNE. Attended Coming Together, Provincetown Wives' Support Group, and Provincetown Spring Fling. MWM, 5'9", 155, 16, natural 36C, forty-something. "Interested in maximizing my own feminine development. Lifelong dedicated TV with participating spouse; sincere, supportive, seasoned shaved and sociable seeking similar sisters. Love to share photos, phantasies, and phashion tips. Always write back."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

RENEE' SLOCUM
(W NY-M0651-K0649-68)
Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

ANGELA S.
(W NY-P-M0719-K0615-67)
Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

DELORES M.
(SE NY-NP-M0808-K0555-68)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

JODIE PAULINO
(W NY-M0973-K0653-67)
Member Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess. 44, happily married 20 years, 2 children. Interested in home video, photography, cinema, gardening, swimming. "Membership coordinator of Rochester CD Network where I enjoy meeting and helping new members. Told wife in '86. She accepts need, but doesn't participate. Dressing is an enjoyable change, a yin to complement my yang."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-67)
Member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (published in *Femme Mirror* & *Femanine*, editor *Lifelines*), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

RICKY HUNT
(W NY-M1044-K0702-65)
Member: Tri-Ess. 6'2", forty and fat. Interested in computers, photography, cooking, and folk music. "While I'm seriously into crossdressing, I see the humerous aspect of it clearly. I love letters, take forever to answer. Write anyway, it'll give you something to wait for."

JOAN FASHIONS
(N NY-P-M1220-K0598-65)
Participant Tiffany Club Spring Outing, CDI/NYC meetings, Club Allure. MWM TV/TG, 50's, retired. "Live almost full time. Travel NYC/NJ area as normal, everyday woman. Family grown and understanding. Letters with photo from individuals with similar interests will receive prompt response."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-66)
Member TGIC. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88, '89, '90. Hetero TV, 52, 5'9". Interests;family, hiking, camping, SF.

SHELA S.
(NY-NP-M1344-K0599-67)
Attended P-town Outing '88, '92. Divorced bi-TV w/ TS tendencies, 5'10", 160, mid 50s, work out regularly. "Love classical music. Enjoy learning passing and being friends with other CDs, TSs, and men. Want to learn every nuance of performing as a woman so I can live as one for extended periods. Love to date."

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-66)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

KATHERINE H.
(NY-NP-M2073-K2139-68)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway poetry, writing, talking and being a woman."

DEE DEE ANN SUMMERS
(SE NY-P-M2246-K2738-66)
Member of LIFE, Director GNYGA, Co-Chair Moonlite in Manhattan. 5'10", blue eyes. Interested in meeting people, reading, fashion, dancing, theater, and music. "I have had some wonderful experiences and have met many beautiful and special friends the last few years as Dee Dee. I've just begun."

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-67)
DWM, 41, 180, dirty blonde. Interested in women's fashion, dressing and makeup, health and fitness. "Dressing since early childhood. Enjoy conservative clothes, heels, etc. Strong TS feelings."

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-68)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

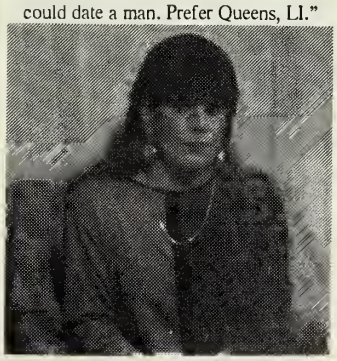
KATHY R.
(NY-M2361-K3078-66)
Active multi-faceted person. "I'd like to let my feminine self emerge and try going out in public. Would appreciate a friend for mutual support. I especially value friendship with genetic women. Hope some could correspond. I also need a CD optometrist for eyeglasses!"

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-67)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-66)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-67)
Member of Tri-Ess.

JANET LANG
(NY-P-M2539-K3709-67)
SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and heels. "Seek women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man, or could date a man. Prefer Queens, LI."



MICHELLE MARTIN
(NY-P-M2834-K4740-65)
W NY single TV, 28. Interested in fashion, music, friendship, passing. "Life-long TV. Caring and understanding. Starting to get out more as Michelle. I enjoy corresponding with others and making new friends."

SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-P-M2848-K4761-66)
Member of Tri-Ess, TGIC. Attended Dreams, Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, was Miss Dream Community, 1977. MWM, 6', 165, 61, 14, blue eyes, brunette or redhead. "CD since age four. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in 1968. Go out often. I write TV fiction and poetry. Wife tolerates, rarely participates."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-NP-M2851-K4777-68)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with a very supportive wife. Have dressed all of my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange letters and photos with those who enjoy all things feminine. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

JILL DIAMOND
(LI-NY-P-M2852-K4771-65)
SWM, 48, 5'7", 140, very passable. "Engaged to a supportive friend. I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire or evenings out on the town developing my femininity. I've been out of the main stream for a few years, just now getting back into the flow. *The best of both worlds.* Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and their mates. Travel extensively."

SANDI T.
(NYC-M2902-K4924-65)
Member Metamorphosis. 5'11", blond with blue-green eyes, 130, 8, very feminine pre-op TS. "Enjoy the exciting chemistry of the male-female relationship. Am looking for an affectionate, decent man over 6' for a long-term relationship."

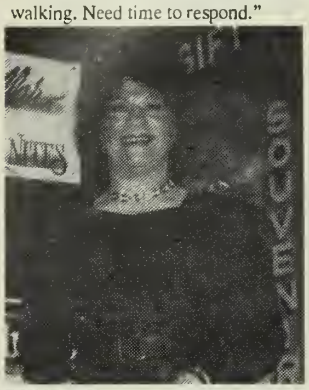
KIM CODY
(NY-P-M2927-K4985-65)
MWM, 40's, 6'2", 180, lifelong CD. Wife is supportive and accepting. "Dress every day except for work. We visit Provincetown and Manhatten often. Love all things feminine and am confident and happy with who I am, thanks to meeting others and becoming homest with myself. Will do our best to answer letters."

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-68)
MWM, midforties, 5'6", supportive wife. Love cooking, crafts, shopping, corresponding with others, family, exchanging ideas. "Love the total look. Am beginning to venture out and meet others and enjoying every minute. Let's write. Your letter will get a quick response. No sex letters. Photos encouraged."

DENISE MILLER
(NY-M2974-K5110-65)
Member Tri-Ess. 43, 6'1", degreed, life-long CD, single, discreet, good humored, own small business, straight. Interested in golf, volley ball, architecture. "Like to meet others. Need make up help/practice. Dress most evenings. Where can I buy Misses tall sizes (18-20)? Lane Bryant seems to be dropping talls."

DENISE MILLER
(NY-M3012-K3595-65)
Member Tri-Ess, attended Be All '92. MWM, 51, 5'6", 155, professional, private person, discreet. Interested in reading, movies, computers, cooking, pho-

tography, would like to try dining out, friendship, etc. "In closet except when traveling, dressed for shopping, mall walking. Need time to respond."



BRENDA V.
(LI-NY-P-M3089-K5695-70)
Member: LIFE. SW, 43, 5'9", size 16, dedicated TV. "Suppressed for too many years, etc. Thrilled to be Brenda. Love to go out, learning to pass. Love classic career-type appearance. Feel the need to experience and learn from all you wonderful people. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, girl talk."

DENISE O.
(NY-P-M3124-K5662-65)
5'7", 180 and dropping, 40's, divorced. Interested in friendships. I love to correspond and will answer all. Willing to meet others in NYC & LI area. Love classical music, Broadway shows, model railroading, shopping and dressing. Love to hear from all sisters out there."

SHELLY TAYLOR
(NY-NP-M3173-K6035-67)
Member TGIC. 55-year-old hetero male living in the capital district. "I'm very comfortable with my feminine self, but only have a chance to be Shelly once or twice a month. Travel to Conn. and would love to her from and meet other interested singles or couples. Photos appreciated."

ANNE HARPER
(NY-P-M3195-K6097-66)
43, divorced CD, 5'11", 170. Active member EON. Self-employed designer. Interested in writing, building my designs, and enjoying crossdressing. "Live alone now and enjoy the freedom after twenty years of repressions. Many friends know of my CG activities and are accepting. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-66)
Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules*, positive thoughts for CDs. Creative Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working personal growth program."

BEV M.
(NY-NP-M3253-K6394-67)
5'8", 170, brown eyes. "Enjoy most sports, camping. Bi novice. Like to meet people around MA, NY, VT border. Like high heels, hosiery. Exchange photos."

RACHEL H.
(NY-M3435-K6763-67)
32, 5'8", 130, hazel eyes, black hair. Interested in art music, history, etc. Attending college for travel and tourism. "Not interested in labels or labeling, just enjoy being feminine whenever I can. Not able to travel now, but enjoy communicating by letter, life and dreams."

SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-67)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

JANICE G.
(NY-P-M3316-K6587-67)
Member CCDC, Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisiters, Nu Phi Chi. Fantasia Fair '91, IFGE '92, Be All '92. S CD, 40, 5'6", 150, involved with a few support groups, enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Not passable, but haven't let that stop me. Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-Fi and fantasy, astronomy, hiking, U.S. histroy, music."

JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-67)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."

STELLA ARNOLD
(NY-P-M3434-K6031-67)
SWM, TV, 38. Interested in bowling, dancing, music, and model railroading. "Looking to meet new friends all over. TV/TS/GGs welcome. Try to resond "

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K-65)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 39, 5'10", 240, BA. Interested in photog-

raphy, model RR, racquetball, cooking. "After lifetime of guilt, am finally coming to grips with the enjoyment of having a feminine part of my existence. Love to correspond with anyone to share experiences and friendship. By being happy with myself, I've grown, and hope to continue with the help of others."

VICKI M.
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-68)
30's, 5'10", 16, 170. Interested in Victorian antiques, photography, fashion, making videos. "Love elegant surroundings and clothes, bridal gowns, formal wear from the 40's and 50's, satin, velvet, as well as 'career wear.' Have lots of clothes I'd like share with others, but need help with makeup, wig. Would love a maid to help me."

JODIE H.
(NY-NP-M3700-K8044-69)
Married, 5'11", size 11 on good days. Upstate. "Love having fun! Lucky to have super supportive wife to enjoy all with. Do NYC, P'town, Phila., New Hope, Poconos. Like to meet fun couples in these areas. Keep smiling. See you!"

ANN T.
(NY-P-M3754-K2695-65)
Experienced live-in care giver, SWM, TV, college educated. "Would love to find a position where I could at least occasionally dress. Would consider relocating to another state."

AMANDA F.
(NY-P-M3757-K7318-65)
DWM, 50, 5'10", 180. "Lifelong interest in CD, only now starting to dress. Love being feminine. Still in closet. must be discreet. Exchange photo with very passable TV/TSs. Especially interested in pre-op TS and understanding women. Need help in developing my femme side. No men, please!"

KRISTINA BRYS
(NY-P-M3767-K6661-65)
SWM, hetero TV, 31, 5'9", 130, green eyes. Interested in movies, travel, cooking, history, finance, and entrepreneurial ventures. "Looking for understanding females to help me explore my femininity. At this writing, still in closet, but very much wish to come out. Am attractive as male or female. Am a loving and caring person. Exchange photos."

JANIE JILL G.
(NY-P-M3776-K3786-65)
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T, long-waisted and leggy, brown hair and eyes. "I travel extensively and desire to correspond and/or meet with as many of my sisters as possible. We are all in this together! Love to do girl talk, exchange tips, adventures, photos, places to go. Cerebral discussions welcome."

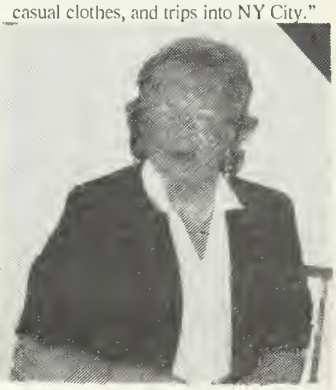
DONNA SINGLE
(NY-NP-M3791-K3141-68)
MWM, 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in tennis, camping, hiking, computers, shopping. "Love lingerie, corsets, passable TV, bi-TV. Love to meet other TVs for talk, support. Answers all who write."

LOREN C.
(NY-NP-M3826-K0236-68)
MWM, new at crossdressing. "Love dressing as a woman, high heels, tight corsets, long nails, leather things, feeling sexy. Want to explore bi feelings. Wife supportive. Interested in some fetich and bondage. Would like to meet passable TV to help me learn more. Answer all who send photo."

CHRISTIANNE A.
(NY-M3936-K8494-65)
SWM, 30, 5'11", 148. Interested in photography, skiing, movies, and learning about the person growing inside of me. "Finally come to face the feelings I've had for a lifetime, and feel as though I'm at the start of a long journey. I'd like to correspond with pre- and post-op TSs who have walked this path."

E.A.W.
(NY-M3839-K6786-65)
Single black male (light complexion), 34, 6'1", 240, solid build, ex-football player. Interested in music, reading, and laser video disc. "Have always been attracted to TVs and CDs. Would enjoy weekend dates with Long Island members. Long-term relationship desired. Correspondence from anyone anywhere encouraged. Race, age unimportant."

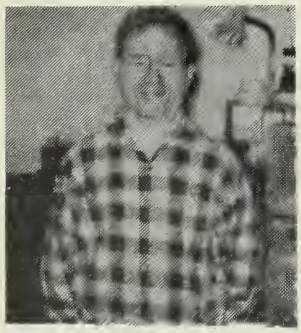
ERICA H.
(NY-P-M3937-K8489-65)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Published in COS monthly Newsletter. 5'10", 177, pretty passable, 40-29-37, fit from miles on the Stairmaster! Brown hair, eyes, S, no children, college-educated professional. "Enjoy shopping, movies, dinners out discreetly done with trusted girlfriends. Love penpals, designer casual clothes, and trips into NY City."



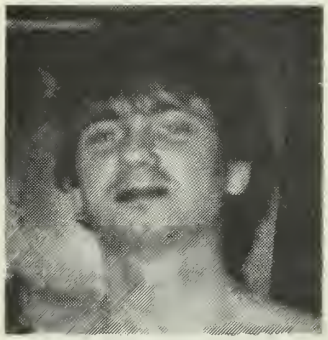
JOANNE R. SILVERMAN
(NY-P-M3970-K3852-65)
50-something, conservative, married (she doesn't know, yet), people-oriented, understanding. "Love meeting new and interesting friends to mutually explore and watch grow. The femininity that bonds us together. The real me first surfaced in my single-digit years and has been developing ever since. Trying desperately to come out, and could use a hand."

CAROL M.
(NY-P-M3982-K1297-66)
TV, 43, 5'11". Interested in skiing, sailing, outdoor sports, travel, Broadway plays. "Looking to expand my TV identity. Will travel and correspond to others with same interest. Send letter with photo."

GEORGIA WEST
(NY-M4054-K8791-65)
SWM, TS, 6'2", 150, artist. Interested in art, travel. "In a closet, reaching out."



PETER L.
(NY-P-M4077-K8801-67)
SWM, 39, 5'1", 120, brown hair/eyes. Interested in computers, movies, some sports. "Looking for a TS for a long lasting relationship. Race doesn't matter. Will be loving to the right one. Please send photo. Will answer TVs as well."



DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-P-M4085-67)
Pre-op (M-F) TS, 32, 5'5", 125, CPA, CD since age of four. On the shy side. "Seeking hormones and electrolysis, SRS in future. I love to wear dresses, panties, bikinis, bras, stockings, and all sorts of feminine clothing. Seeking long term friendship with other M-F TSs and dedicated CDs who can give me pointers. Answers all letters. GGs welcome, too."

RACHEL W.
(NY-M4097-K8907-67)
5'7", 34, CD. Interested in sports, walks, cooking, sunsets, and dressing. "Would like to correspond and meet TV/TS or understanding women. Will answer all who write. Photo appreciated."

DONNA JOHNS
(SE-NY-M3988-K2900-65)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, hetero, 6'1". Wife knows but does not approve. Have been dressing privately for many years. Still in the closet, but would enjoy corresponding and meeting with other TVs on Long Island. A golf nut, enjoy sports in general, gardening, and fine dining."

ANN BELMONT
(NY-NP-M4130-K8866-67)
Wealthy Westchester, NY matron. Interested in attending ballet, reading, writing novels and poetry, photography, company of women, and, most of all, fashion. "Professional executive (CEO of own company), 49 and holding. Will correspond and give business and fashion tips to real ladies, and to want-to-bes. Motherly type, warm, gentle,compassionate."

JULIE MILES
(NY-NP-M4131-K8924-66)
SWM, 24, hetero, 6', 150. Interested in bowling, track, BB, and golf. "Very athletic. Would like to meet and talk with other TV/TSs. Very new to crossdressing, and need others' experience to bring out the total woman in me. All correspondence will be promptly answered."

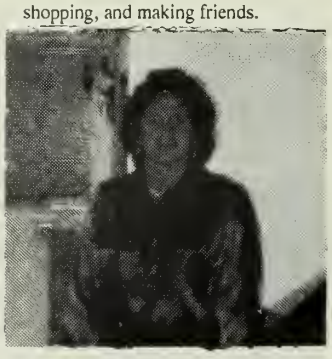
TINA A.
(NY-NP-M4215-K7354-67)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk and jazz musician. Motorcyclist, also rides as Tina. Other interests: people and life. Answer all sincere letters."

SHIRLEY P.
(NY-M4185-K4316-67)
50ish, 5'10", 175, married, closet type. Graduate degree, extensive wardrobe (business and provocative), domesticated. Enjoy music, Britcoms, computers, exercise. "Looking for someone to share experiences. Can entertain and dress only during the day. Dream of being a secretary. Love jewelry, high heels. Working on makeup. Share photos/phone."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-NP-M4248-K3480-68)
Shetero, 40s, 5'7", 170. "Seeking female or TS friends who are sure of themselves to assist me in becoming a new woman. I am unsure of myself. Like to travel. Not into sex, only femininity and fun."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-66)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.



ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-67)
Member Renaissance. 43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sunbathing. "Pre-op TS would like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

ALISON LAING
(E PA-M1242-K0733-66)
Renaissance, past Managing Dir. Outreach Institute, Chair Congress of Reps '92-'93. Attended Fantasia Fair, Ms Congeniality '87, Ms Fantasia Fair '92. Happy bigenderist, married, supportive spouse. Interested in travel, food, wine, arts and crafts, Native American culture. Educate the public about transgendered lifestyles. "Work for the good of our community. Spend much time as Alison."

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-68)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

WILLOW AYLA SHENEN
(PA-M2052-K2449-65)
38, 5'8", 170, blue eyes, brown hair, DWM, hetero TV. Interested in Native American spirituality and culture, environmental concerns, reading, conversation, and being in nature. "Lifetime CD/TV. Accepted myself 15 years ago. Supportive girlfriend helps. Express feminine nature in all aspects of life."

MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA-P-M1531-K0450-66)
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-67)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-65)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-65)
SWM, early forties, 6', 175. Professional with graduate degree.
Interested in psychology of CD fantasies. "Recently had first make over. Enjoy dancing in full skirts and petticoats. Like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Appreciate assistance from other CDs and women who would help."

WENDY MILLER
(PA-P-M2412-K3321-66)
President Transpitt, pre-op TS, living and working full-time. Attended Be All '90 & '91. 5'10", 170, 45. "I can be reached most evenings at the Transpitt phone, (412) 231-1181, and enjoy talking with CD/TSs in Western PA area about our group."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-67)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-67)
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, try to reply to them when I can."

MISHA ROBERTS
(PA-P-M2882-K4862-65)
6', 31 years young, single. Beautiful person, great sense of humor. "Enjoy making money. Love short skirts and the art of illusion. Please respond to me in a friendly manner. All who write, please include full photo. Misha is interested in sharing all facts of her life with all."

ALLISON D.
(PA-M3321-K6602-66)
Member Transpitt. 5'10", 150, WTS (9 mos. on hormones), personable. Interested in movies, sports, dancing, tennis, racketball, softball, cards. Enjoy making good friends. "Would like to find help in becoming more passable, voice, mannerisms, clothes, walk, etc. Could use a good mentor in all the above."

JENNIFER ANN MICHAELS
(PA-M3358-K6729-67)
Secretary, LSV Chapter, Renaissance. "Retired Navy. Married. My wife is very fond of her friends in Renaissance, but not always happy about Jenny. She is generally supportive, though. I participate in the Renaissance Pen Pal Project. Out of denial for two years."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-NP-M3383-K6784-66)
Fun loving TV. "Enjoy exploring my feminine personality. I adore silky hose and sexy heels. Love experiencing the true feelings of a woman. Would like to meet other TV/TSs, understanding women or interested males. Will answer all who respond."

LISA MARIE M.
(W PA-M3829-K3485-65)
Married, 42, 6'2", CD, understanding wife. Interested in music and shopping. "Would like to emerge from closet if possible, but need advice and encouragement. Although a lifelong CD, my life has been a private one. I didn't know you all were out there until now. Please write."

SUZANNE L.
(E PA-P-M3736-K8202-65)
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Nonsmoker. Loves nice dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

JENNIFER WATES
(PA-P-M3774-K4301-68)
Well toned TV seeks to make new friends in TV/TS community. Interested in music, nature, enjoying life to its fullest. "I love all things feminine, and want to make as many new friends as possible. Answer all who write with photo."

MICHELLE POOLE
(PA-P-M3813-K3861-65)
Member TransPitt. 6'1", 175, 34 but looks 25, green eyed blonde, passable TV. Loves photography, nature walks, snowskiing, movies, and staying in shape. "Love dressing sexy, makeup, leather skirts, sheer black seamed stockings with black or red pumps. Would like to hear from all, especially TV/TS and a real woman to share my dressing with."

RICA ASHBY FREDRICKSON
(PA-P-M3845-K2902-65)
"New" lesbian (but I've always been one), post-op (Biber 10-9-91), Lutheran Christian, lesbian feminist (PC-not!), programmer (PCs-yes!). Interested in sci-fi, computers, networking (give me your usenet address and I'll e-mail you mine), women's spirituality, "politically incorrect" sexuality, singing (alto), lesbian/gay square dancing, promoting accep-

tance of diversity in the lesbian feminist and Christian communities.

KATHIE HAWKINS
(PA-M3964-K8584-65)
Pre-op TS. 5'8", blue eyes, shoulder-length brown hair, slim, 29. Interested in rock 'n' roll, sci-fi, movies, poetry, and love. "I'm looking for a knight in shining armor to whisk me off my feet. Race and nationality unimportant. Am loving and submissive. Would consider marriage to the right man. I'm the typical house-wife type, but I like to go out to movies, folk and rock concerts, too."

CONNIE RAYNE
(PA-NP-M4156-K9102-66)
43, MCD. "Would like to form support group for TV/TSs living far from Pittsburgh. Out of closet 10 years. Go out in public, and occasionally to events with Transpitt. Supportive wife helps me remember that this is part of me, not all of me. Love being feminine in all ways when I am dressed to go out. Will help others. Will answer all who write."

KRISTINE W. HOLT
(PA-M4013-K7597-66)
Member Erie Sisters, Transpitt. 36, DW pre-op M-F TS, 5'7", 140. Interested in letter writing, friendships, support groups, men. "I'm a legal female, in full transition—working, living and loving unquestioningly as a woman. I'm seeking confidential correspondence and/or meetings with sisters traveling the same road, to share with them the trials and joys of this wondrous journey. Friend of Bill W."

D. WENRICH
(PA-M4055-K8790-66)
SWM, 21, 5'11", 165, green eyed, dark blond hair (long). Interested in watching Sci-fi movies, shopping, travel, cooking, and salt water fish tanks. "Still in closet TS. Would like to correspond with other TSs for support and friendship."

LINDA C.
(PA-M4075-K8802-67)
Bi-female (genetic), single, blonde, 29, 36-26-36. "Desire correspondence/meetings with BiFs, TVs, TSs. Love to help sincere TV/TSs to develop their femininity. Photo and phone appreciated."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-NP-M4160-K8945-67)
TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in northern PA and southern tier of NY."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

EMILY SHELDON
(N DE-P-M0629-K0738-68)
Member Renaissance. Mature TV, fiftyish. "Pass easily in public. Attend several TV meetings/events each year."

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-M0931-K0742-66)
Member Tiffany Club of New England, Tri-Ess. Attended TCNE Awards Banquet, 1991. 60, 6', 180. Gracious Lady married 40 years to understanding wife. Self employed, often dresses in home. Electrolysis completed, sails competetively, active Protestant . FAA rated pilot, resides in S. DE. Letters answered.

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-M2425-K3335-66)
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Not macho, but willing to 'push the envelop.' Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-M2434-K3366-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant 'Holiday En Femme'. WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting writing to CDs, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

WASHINGTON, D.C. (200- 205-)

MICKEE A.
(DC-M3565-K7400-67)
51, 5'16", 230 and losing, 18-20T. Interested in reading, current events, cooking. "Live in Belgium, but travel to Washington, DC two or three times a year. Would love to hear from sisters in the DC area."

JANICE N.
(DC-P-M4009-K6391-66)
5'5", 135, SWM. Interested in shopping, dining out, going to clubs dressed. "West coast transplant, former female impersonator, lifelong TV/Drag Queen. Will answer all who write. Photo please"

SHEILA K.
(DC-M3810-K7721-65)
MWM, late 40's, bi-TV, 6'0", 180. "Been crossdressing all my life, but only in the closet. Would like to meet my mirror image - a bi-sister looking for discreet, monogamous relationship. Make my fantasy come true."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

DIANE FERN
(MD-M2229-K2673-65)
Member of Couples. "A mature TV with transgender inclinations and a very supportive wife. Enjoy progressive jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress virtually every day. Look forward to meeting people interested in open discussion of the TV/TG lifestyle and sharing gender euphoria - let's talk!"

KATE GOLDMAN
(MD-NP-M1652-K0760-66)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. Recently moved to the Santa Barbara area from the east. Interested in photography, computers, and music. "I have not been out much in public, but am adventurous, and get a bit more courageous each day. Want to correspond and meet other TVs."

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-66)
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

NANCY ANN B.
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-65)
Member Delti Chi (DCEA), WBA. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92. 5'9", 160. Interested in crossdressing, competitive duckpin bowling, softball, table tennis, and volunteer work. "Crossdressing has always been a

part of my life. Now that *Tapestry*, Tri-Ess, and others have opened up the community for all, it has helped me to be me."

HELEN G.
(MD-P-M2227-K2672-66)
Member of Delta Chi and Washington Baltimore Alliance. Attended Fantasia Fair the last three years, Texas T Party, Program Director Delta Chi. Big TV, 5'9", size 26, 48 bra. Interested in classical music, photography, and attending TV meetings and events. "Love attending and working for the Fair and local groups. Love to meet TV sisters. Want to meet a genetic female who understand"

JULIA CYBELE
(C MD-P-M2739-K4337-68)
Member Mensa-TG. New Woman 12/92. INFP; hetaera-philosophe. "I adore autumn sunsets, ancient mystery, sisterhood, Hayden symphonies, Dr. Biber, friendships new and old, green tea, and the countless reflections of Her Light."

LYNN B.
(MD-P-M2931-K4992-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend. 6', 175, 60, hetero TV, married, supportive wife. Interested in good music, photograpghy, fishing, string art.

"Been CD since age 13. Mother found out when I was 11. Interested in meeting others, couples, for friendship and support. All CDs in MD, DE, VI, come on out, to have our own chapter!"

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD-P-M3142-K4212-66)
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady sorrespondent."

LINDA G.
(MD-P-M3900-K8389-65)
TV, brunette, green eyes, married, 29, 190, 5'11". Interested in writing. "I enjoy hearing from anyone who shares my interest in crossdressing. I welcome correspondence from men who appreciate a girl with something extra."

MICHELLE CHRISTIANSEN
(MD-M4162-K8948-67)
SWM TV with TS tendencies, 5'9", 160 and losing, 10-12, hazel eyes, long sandy blonde hair. Interested in music, reading, Sci-fi and fantasy, medievalism, cars, boating, building wardrobe, and developing my fem side. "Dressed since childhood. In closet, but want to get out. Wish to relocate and live full time. Anyone need a girlfriend, sister, roommate?"

MICHELLE J. FARELL
(MD-M4190-K6477-67)
Sexy, attractive CD, 29, 5'11", 160. Pretty hazel eyes. Like shopping, shoes, sexy clothes, poetry, night life. Athletic, feminine and attractive either way. Well mannered, honest and fun. "Like to hear from all young attractive femmes for correspondence. Seeking tricks of trade for total illusion."

RENE R.
(MD-NP-M4191-K8579-67)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, tall, slender biTV, shy and independent. Interested in photography, fashion, art, outdoors/nature, traveling. "Enjoy meeting upfront and honest individuals for friendship. Would enjoy traveling to meet new friends. Not the best correspondent, will respnd to all sincere letters with photos."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-NP-M1868-K2176-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-65)
Member Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Interested in photography, woodworking, corresponding, meeting others, exchanging photos. "I enjoy all aspects of being a CD, delighted to meet others. Time limited, Try to be a good correspondent."

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-66)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

KEMBERLY CARLSON
(N VA-P-M2300-K2981-65)
Member Delta Chi, Virginia's Secret. DWM, CD, 5'11", 172. Interested in cooking, stained glass, fishing, and shopping. "Looking for new friends with a sense of humor who enjoy being alive, know who they are, or at least try to find out. Want to form group in the Dulles area of WVA. Exchange letters/photos."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K2326-65)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-65)
Member Virginia's Secret, DCEA.

MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

LAINE R.
(VA-NP-M3559-K7489-68)
"If you're interested in meeting a very sexy TV who looks great in skin-tight black micro skirts, I'd love to hear from you. I'm late 30s, sometimes bi, and passable. Whether I'm fully dressed, applying my makeup, or just chatting with other girls, I love exploring my femininity. Supportive girlfriend willing to help."

JESSICA WARREN
(VA-NP-M3673-K7973-68)
Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, & shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Am very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting and helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from all TG people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."

STEPHANIE A. BROOKS
(VA-M3901-K6050-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Mathematician, systems engineer, TV. Interested in math, physics, philosophy, politics, literature, backgammon, sailing, Star Trek-ing, "The Prisoner," guns, hard rock, jazz, auto racing. "To live one's life happy, without need for regret is to live a good life."

CARRIE ANN S.
(VA-M3960-K8575-66)
SWM TV, 41, 5'8". Interested in computers, movies, pets. "Lifelong crossdresser, finally becoming comfortable with my lifestyle after years of guilt. Would love to correspond with females, TV/TSs. I dress most evenings after work. Goal is, be a happy and respectable TV."

MIKKI LYNNE D.
(VA-P-M3792-K3263-68)
Hetero, SWM TV, 44, 13/14, 5'9". Professional pilot, real estate investor, nonsmoker. Interested in fitness, health, sunrise, fog, star-filled skies, brandy, and ice-cream. "Regularly enjoyed areas of feminine dressing. Though still in closet, have been out dressed alone at night. Have decided to live the experience more fully. Will answer all TV/TSs, women, with polite photo."

KAY EDWARDS
(VA-NP-M4142-K8916-66)
Member TGEA. MWM, 46, 5'7", CD, brown hair and eyes, passable, professional engineer. Interested in ham radio, computers, music, and dressing up. "Wife knows, but does not understand. Would like to correspond with others, especially in northern VA area. Dressed since age 13. Photo would be appreciated. Will repsond in kind."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH
(WV-M0640-K0809-68)
Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

MARY NEWMAN
(WV-M2226-K2671-66)
Member Transpitt. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, Be All '90, '92. DWM, 6', 175, TV with TS tendencies, 46. Interested in reading, music, walking, archery, fishing, shopping, personal growth. "Will be living full-time on a trial basis in near future. Would like contact with someone living full-time and enjoying the outdoor life (hiking, camping, etc.)."

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-66)
Member TWV. Attended Be All '90, '91, Paradise in the Poconos '91. Married CD 6'1", passable, happy and at ease in the feminine role. Interested in cartooning, sewing (make most of my own clothes, now). "Would like to hear from others interested in sewing/tailoring for CDs, but will answer all."

DEE H.
(WV-M2329-K3026-65)
Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

JOYCE FRANCINE EVANS
(WV-P-M3129-K5661-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Trans W VA. Hetero CD, SWM, 43, shy, 5'9", 180, size 18. Interested in walking, hiking, history, talk readio, *BBW* magazine, watching HSC fashion shows, and crossdressing. "Enjoy high heels and panty hose. Still in closet. Would like to hear from other CDs. Will write back. I'm discreet, expect the same."

RENEE LYNN H.
(S WV-P-M2604-K3772-67)
Member Crossport, TransWV. MWM, 47. "Married to a very supportive and understanding wife. Interested in corresponding with other sisters, shopping, dressing, and just being feminine. Been CD since early childhood. Haven't been out dressed except for TransWV meeting. Some day I would like to be able to go out in public dressed. I write to all."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6841-67)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. Attended Be All a few years back. 38, 5'7", brown eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. "I've been a TV all my life. Have an understanding wife who helps me. Love passing in public in both casual and fancy clothes. Love being a lady!"

ALICE JACKSON
(WV-M3876-K4442-65)
5'10", 160, 14. Interested in impersonation shows, photography, living my life as a woman. "I'm a young-appearing 59-year-old, slim and attractive. Have been dressing and passing for 35 years. Wife and teenage daughter fully supportive. Will answer all who write. Love to travel and visit. Will entertain those who wish to visit me."

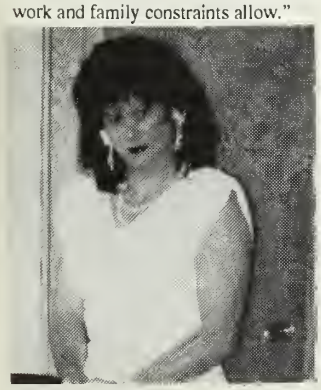
NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

SUSAN WILLIAMS
(NC-P-M2363-K3079-65)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 165, M hetero CD, 30. Interested in history, movies, dressing up, reading. "Very understanding wife. Have been out many times, but need more work passing. Hoping to get more involved with Tri-Ess."

LYNN BISHOP
(NC-P-M2414-K3350-66)
Tall (6'), Slim (145), blue-eyes, blonde hair. Interested in reading, writing (poetry), music, jogging, yoga, sports (golf, basketball, baseball), conversation, and the arts. "For me, learning to love and accept myself has not been easy, quick,

or simple. I'm getting there, though. The truism is true: how I feel about myself determines how I feel about other people."

CATHERINE B.
(NC-P-M2480-K3510-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, '92. MWM, 5'9", 142. "Having a great time coming out the past two years after occasionally dressing for the past twenty. Love to shop, dine out, etc. Will correspond as work and family constraints allow."



JANICE LONG
(NC-NP-M3146-K4630-66)
Lifelong TV, 6'2". Interested in cooking, shopping, reading, photography, and sports. "I'm trying to understand and accept this part of myself. I've made some progress this past year, but I'm still basically closeted. Would love to hear from other CDs and especially women in NC and VA."

DEBBIE N.
(NC-P-M3497-K7213-67)
Dual-gendered, sober, vegetarian 38 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "My whole self is in metamorphosis toward its original nature. Correspondence with gender community is dearly cherished."

ANNE MARIE HARTMAN
(NC-M3066-K5684-65)
SWM, 49, 5'9", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in sailing, golf, music, dancing. "Lifelong CD, passable at times. Would like to meet new CD/TS friends and especially understanding GGs for long term relationship. I respond to all correspondence immediately."

JENNIFER GOODNIGHT
(NC-P-M3640-K7825-68)
Attended Southern Comfort '91, Dressing for Pleasure '91. Buxomly built gal, 38, 5'9", 43-32-42. Looking for understanding friends that want to meet and go out on the town. Interested in music, travel, intimate times. "Can travel. Enjoy all aspects of helping others in our transgendered world."

AMY LYNN PARRISH
(NC-NP-M3903-K8382-66)
Member and President of TCC of NC. 5'10", 150, brown hair, green eyes. "Dressing as a woman and being feminine is my main goal. Love being a woman and dressing sexy. Love to hear from other TV/TSs. Please send photo."

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-66)
SWM, 5'9", 44, 175 and losing, size 12. Interested in dressing up, computers, fishing, hunting, aviation, dancing "shag," beach music, gardening. "Learning to accept what I can't change. Acquiring new wardrobe after recent purge and nasty divorce. Would like to write to/meet sisters in E NC, possibly start a group. Like feedback on passability, experimenting w/ clothing styles, makeup."

STAN H.
(NC-M3929-K8445-65)
27, athletic, brown eyes/hair. "Sincere and caring gentleman desires a relationship/friendship with a pre- or post-op TS. Could also help with surgery, encouragement. Serious only. Age unimportant."

VERONICA JEAN SMITH
(NC-M4106-K-66)
5'11", 175, blue eyes, graying brown hair, 40-something. Interested in art, music, dance and cooking. Enjoy outdoor activities. "I started hormone treatments 8 months ago and have been pleased with the results. Would like to correspond with other TG persons. Looking for a Programed Gender Clinic to complete my rebirth."

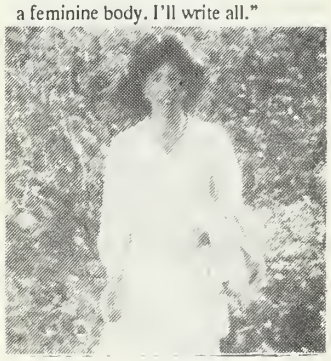
ANITA B.
(NC-NP-M4127-K8913-66)
Pre-op TS, 5'8", 132. Interested in music, dancing, and fine dining. "I have crossed most bridges and have one to go. Am comfortable with myself and would like to meet others. Will answer all."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-NP-M4235-K9428-68)
Lifelong CD, late 40s. "Enjoy shopping for pretty clothes, wig styling, and developing my feminine persona. Cherish time as Pamela, and often go out in public. Adore being feminine, but believe the real satisfaction is in helping others. Enjoy looking at humorous side of the TG community, and proud to be a part of it."

KATHERINE D.
(NC-M4128-K8921-67)
Married, professional, crossdresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Goal is to develop so that she may pass in public."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

BOBBI RENEE LONG
(SC-P-M2149-K2543-65)
Member Kappa Beta. MWM, 57, 5'8". "I spend most of my CD time in public. I love dancing, shopping, eating out, and any activity that I can do as a woman. I like conservative clothes and makeup. I've had speech therapy and hormones have eliminated the need for pads to have a feminine body. I'll write all."

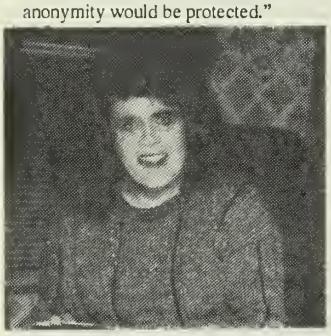


KATIE MARIE JOHNSON
(SC-P-M3326-K6604-66)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 162, 43. Interested in talk radio, CD, walking, shopping, collecting miniature cars. "Been CD since childhood. Love dressing up. Wife extremely supportive, we love going shopping together. Want to correspond with others, couples who are dealing with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. Like to find/start a club in SC. Write."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

KEVIN
(GA-M3446-K7099-68)
"Letter writing is an untapped potential of expression. Then you add crossdressing and there's artistic playfulness and experimentation in ways beyond any magazine form can produce. Does anyone reading this know what 'mail art' means, or collaborative 'artist books'? Unstructured minds write!"

DIANNE KENDALL
(GA-P-M1298-K0850-65)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Participant Fantasia Fair, Be All, T-Party, Southern Comfort. Columnist for British publication *REPARTEE*. "Real clothes horse with extensive wardrobe. Eat in fine restaurants several times a week. Want to hear from those who were dressed by female relatives or friends when young. Could use your material in one of my 'Pampered in Panties' columns. Your anonymity would be protected."



FRANCES D.
(GA-P-M2952-K5060-65)
6', 200, 45, BiWM. "My wife is supportive, but does not participate. I have been in the closet since, I started dressing as a pre-teen. Long to meet others in a similar situation. Into fulfilling fantasies , special friends.Enjoy everything feminine."

LORI DEE HARMON
(GA-P-M3105-K5692-65)
MWM, 39, 5'11", 190, 16. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf as time permits. Avid baseball and football fan. This is secondary to my love of being and feeling feminine. "Wife knows, not supportive. Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels, and career dresses, skirts, blouses. Need help with makeup and wig. Ready to interact with my sisters and develop a passing image."

TERRI FELTMAN
(GA-M3946-K8505-65)
SW hetero CD, 5'7", 165, 39, brown hair and eyes. "Love to collect antiques, like country and soft rock music, movies. Enjoy shopping and going out. Very passable."

JENNIFER A. LAVERY
(GA-P-M3215-K6218-66)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. MWM, 42, 5'8", 150. Hetero, passable, educated, professional CD. "Enjoy historical novels, minor league baseball, my children, home decorating, golf, and shopping. A caring, sincere person, and a true friend, willing to give as well as receive. Avid conversationalist and a faithful writer. Wife knows, but is totally intolerant."

RACHEL W.
(GA-P-M3251-K6404-67)
MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have accepting family. Like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

DIANA AUSTIN
(GA-P-M3283-K6478-66)
Attended Texas T Party '91, '92, Be All '90,'91. WMM, 35, 5'9", 150, brown eyes, dark brunette. Interested in music, boating, fine wine, shopping, golf, conversation, going out dancing, fashionable clothing. "Am always interested in meeting/correspondence with others out there. Would like to explore this area with others who are open and I sharing thoughts and experiences. N FL, GA."

ANNIE LYNN
(GA-P-M3298-K6557-66)
Tall, 33, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends to help me relax and be myself. Travel some. Would like to write and meet some other ladies to have fun and learn more about being a woman."

JOANNE JOHNSON
(GA-P-M3310-K6594-67)
Attended Southern Comfort '92. Divorced CD, single parent, 40's, 5'10", 175. Interested in tennis, photography, shopping. "Enjoying life more since realizing that some things need to be changed while other things should be accepted. Knowing the difference is the hard part. Would like to meet other CDs and non-CDs, including genetic females, who can appreciate me."

CASSANDRA LAUREN BEARD
(GA-P-M3849-K2147-65)
Fun-loving Libra, romantic, bi-SW TS, 28, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170 (and losing), dark brown hair and eyes. Professional degreed interior designer. "Just relocated to Atlanta. Adore shopping, travel, classical music, opera, intimate evenings, and being the young woman I've always wanted to be. Hope to meet pre- and post-ops to share experiences. Send photos."

CASSANDRA MONROE
(GA-M4061-K8792-66)
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Will attempt to answer any letters sent."

STEPHANIE SIMMONS
(GA-M4220-K7323-68)
Hetero MCD, late 40s. Interested in music, gardening, theater, jogging, shopping. "Love dressing in pretty feminine attire with makeup, heels, wig. Am finally coming to accept myself, but very shy about coming out. Would appreciate your thoughts and ideas as I take this first step out."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

JENNIFER REECE
(FL-P-M0739-K0930-67)
SWM, hetero, 38. Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

ROSALIND HART
(FL-M0768-K1479-65)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Would like to meet or correspond with other couples. Visit malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

VANESSA S.
(FL-M1178-K0919-68)
Member, Tri-Ess. 50, 5'7", 150. Interested in writing and reading TV fiction, history, all feminine pursuits, avid collector of photos, articles, books, and videos on crossdressing. "Lifelong CD. Published author of TV fiction. Writing of letters is constrained by my business

and family responsibilities. Have a passion for hosiery and heels. Seek to meet like-minded sisters."

PETRA D.
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-65)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort '91. Mid-30's, married to supportive wife with two children. "Edit the *Dixie Belle*, active on Tri-Ess BBS, occasionally on Genderline. Travel to Atlanta for Sigma Epsilon meetings, but would like to meet others in FL & S. GA. Interests ; photography, computers, soccer, exploring the concept of androgyny."

CATHY Y.
(FL-M1393-K0884-65)
MWM, hetero, TV, 41, 6'1", 170. "Love the feminine look, from gowns to short skirts. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-65)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable to go to straight places."

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-67)
Member Crossport, IXE, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

CYNTHIA SILVA
(FL-NP-M1848-K2081-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Paradise in the Poconos '90, Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Single, 64, 5'9". "Enjoy dressing, model HO scale RR, personal computing, some photography, easy listening music. Answer letters ASAP."

CHARLENE FIRESTINE
(FL-NP-M1934-K2223-68)
Member of Central Florida Sisters. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with other sisters and share ideas and dreams. Enjoy renting movies, listening to the golden oldies on the radio. Love to go out to clubs for a nice time on the town. Wish to hear from sisters all over the country."

JACQUELYN NOWLING
(FL-M2063-K2459-65)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

JOANNE SHANNON
(FL-M2690-K4330-67)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'3", 215, 44. Interested in getting back to basics, homesteading, photography, natural history, electronics, computers, American history. "In the closet but slowly emerging. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Hetero but bi-curious. Desire to correspond with and meet sisters in NE FL. Need support and understanding. Please write. Will answer all."

JEAN RICH
(FL-NP-M2824-K4690-67)
Member of Serenity. Attended Coming Together in Philadelphia, Moonlight over Manhattan. 5'9", 155, very passable, 50. Interested in disco dancing, photography, stock market, shopping, travel, national events. Hetero TV, athletic biker and aerobic sports. "Enjoy company of GG and bi-women, professional degrees."

JODY N.
(FL-NP-M2968-K5101-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."

CATHY R.
(FL-P-M3007-K5262-65)
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

BOBBI REED
(FL-M3171-K6048-66)
5'7", 130, slender build. Very real breasts. Interested in writing, video, meeting new friends, travel, and sharing new ideas. "I would like to become a member of some group, but time and job prevent that at present. Would be glad to hear from anyone that has time to write. Am always open to new information and ideas."

SUSAN S.
(FL-P-M3130-K4824-66)
MWM, 5'10", 155, CD, totally hetero. Interested in writing, reading, collecting TV fiction dealing with petticoat punishment. Wrote 250 page story dealing with sissification. As a boy I was crossdressed frequently. My story mimics my life. Answer all sincere letters. Include photo, exchange books, stories, etc."

DENISE PAUL
(FL-P-M3334-K6615-67)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse, getting close to passing. My wife and I have long accepted my dual personalities. Interested in computers, travel and shooting. "Would enjoy corresponding with discreet, warm and sincere people. Will answer all. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A."

CINDY G.
(FL-NP-M3522-K4011-68)
New girl in S. Fla. Young, 5'6", passable. "Looking for safe, discreet fun and friends for dancing, dining and dates. Please write with SASE and photos."

STEPHANIE CARIN MICHAELS
(FL-NP-M3753-K8207-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."

NORMA SUSAN
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-65)
Member Tri-Ess. 50, 5'8", 190 and losing. Inexperienced, eager to learn. Non-supportive wife. Enjoy meeting new friends in Tampa area to have fun dressing together. Would really love to meet sister who would share home for CD sessions and shopping together. Will answer all. Photo helpful."

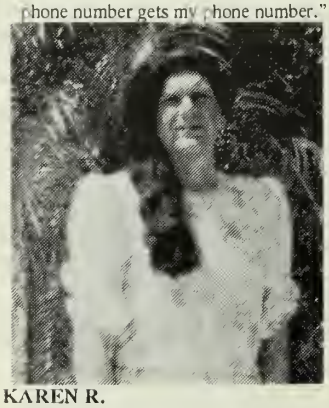
LINDSAY DUVAL
(FL-M3879-K4598-66)
TV, 37, 6', 160, hetero. Interested in natural history, specialist in marine fishes, collecting feathers, and wandering on the beach. "Recently out of the closet. Accepting myself for what and who I am. I enjoy dressing when possible, would love to hear from you. All letters answered."

SISSY K.
(FL-M3926-K8439-67)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Would love to share interactive fantasies."

JULIE B.
(FL-P-M3881-K7144-65)
5'7", blue eyes, blonde hair, 43 years young, M-F TS. Interested in singing jazz, blues and contemporary Christian music, model railroading, real people, and nature. "Non-smoker. I'm very into singing and recording, and have done so professionally. I enjoy good conversation, long walks, and neat people to share with. Love to hear from TV/TS/GGs."

ROBIN GENTRY
(FL-P-M3910-K8377-65)
SWM, 6'5", 185, hetero, CD, late 30's, blonde/green. CD since age 12. Interested in politics, civil liberties, model railroading, sports, photography, nature, philosophy. "Like many TVs, Trying to find that special genetic female who can accept other self. Love to hear from other TV/TSs (no gay men, please). Have been out dressed at night, however, my height hinders this practice. Photo/phone please."

LAURA LUST
(FL-P-M3983-K7370-65)
30's, TS want to be, 5'7", 140, unencumbered. College educated, computers. "If someone out there can help, I desperately want to live and work as a full-time female. Need hormones and electrolysis, and a place to be accepted. Maybe a partnership in a boutique like Wildside in issue 62. Your letter and phone number gets my phone number."



KAREN R.
(FL-NP-M4018-K8675-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu, Tri-Ess BBS. Married, 45. Interested in computers and BBSing. Presently experiencing a new lease on life with acceptance of Karen by myself and my wife. Have always loved shoes, heels, hose, and would like to open a shoe store. Enjoy everything feminine, will answer all."

ANNE B.
(FL-M3799-K2878-65)
MWM, 6', 160, CD, 42. "Still in the closet. Love to read about CD in books and magazines. Not interested in meeting anyone in person, but will correspond. Try to spend free time dressed to some degree or other. Have dressed in female clothes for as long as I can remember, usually while alone. Love shopping and trading CD books, etc."

MICHELLE JENSEN
(FL-NP-M4134-K8936-66)
6'3", 158, green eyes, 33, pre-op TS. Interested in reading, sports, working out, shopping, music, dancing, and night clubs. "Outgoing, love to meet new friends. Will correspond and exchange photos. Interested in meeting sincere gentlemen in Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area. Nothing bizarre, please."

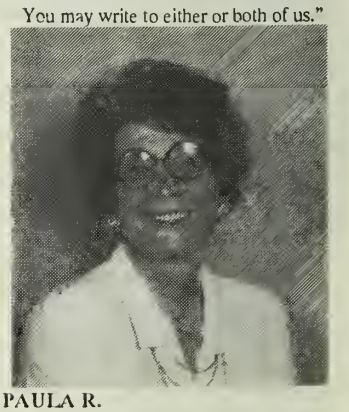
MASTER STONE
(FL-NP-M4176-K0764-67)
SWM, 40, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, professional engineer. "Spent 15 years promoting the positive aspects of the leather lifestyle, especially in regards to TV/TS society. Seeking monogamous relationship with totally beautiful and feminine TV/TS willing to commit to D & S . I travel throughout US, so let's meet and discuss a future together."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-65)
Member Tri-Ess. "Interested in crossdressing and corresponding with others. Still in the closet."

RENÉE PHILLIPS
(AL-M2535-K3705-66)
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

MICHELLE STEADMAN
(N AL-P-M2547-K3717-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Director of Sigma Rho Gamma Chapter - SERGA, Beta Chi, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, 37, hetero-CD, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, professionals. "Married to an exceptional woman who made me blossom. We formed a chapter of Tri-Ess. My wife is the SERGA liaison for the Wives and Partners Concerns. We love to write. You may write to either or both of us."



PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-68)
Member of NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TV-TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel."

CELESTE RICHARDS
(AL-M3197-K6191-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I learned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

LAUREN HALL
(AL-M3202-K6117-66)
Late 30s, tall, professional, sincere, friendly. Interested in music, literature, imaginative and honest people. "To will to be oneself is the opposite of despair." Søren Kierkegaard

JENNIFER EVANS
(AL-M3783-K3790-68)
Member of Tri-Ess. 6'6" short, blue eyes, slim build. Attractive CD. Have never appeared in public. Interested in diving, theatre, personal finance, channeling and spirituality. College educated professional working on Master's degree. "Love to express my feminine side. Feel free to write, especially understanding ladies."

LISA P.
(AL-M3834-K7532-65)
SWM, bi-TV, 30, 5'10", 150. "Interested in meeting TV/TS/GGs who can help me become more feminine. Into fulfilling fantasies and sharing quiet romantic evenings. Can travel to TN, GA."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

TAMMI MCINTYRE
(E TN-P-M1732-K1894-67)
Member Crossroads. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair. Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."

RITA HEFELFINGER
(TN-P-M2860-K4818-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

RUBBER RACHEL
(TN-M1640-K0945-66)
Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyed TV. "I would like to correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TVs interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste, and understanding, always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flared skirts."

KAREN T.
(TN-P-M3039-K4983-65)
DWM, 5'11", 134, 50's, size 9. "I feel sexy and feminie when I dress in heels and mini skirts. I would love to celebrate my femininity with discreet, caring, slim TVs in a private setting. I'm not much of a letter writer, but I enjoy travelling to make new friends when I have the time."

SUZANNE MCGANN
(TN-P-M3963-K5866-65)
Tall, pre-op, middle age. Sophisticated, lonesome "lady" transplanted form Philadelphia, Pa. misses "our" culture in mid-TN. "Tall pre-op TS wants new friends to write, meet. Will answer all."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

REBECCA ALLISON
(MS-P-M3237-K6341-67)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Beta Chi. Attended Holiday En Femme, Coming Together. WM, 40's, professional, 5'11", 150. Writer for several gender publications including *Femme Mirror* and *Grace and Lace*. "This life is such a joy—I wish I had come out years ago! I have made treasured friendships among my sisters, and look forward to meeting many more."

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-67)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 36, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

JOANN LYNN
(MS-NP-M3858-K3224-66)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-NP-M4218-K7363-67)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

PATRICIA HALL
(KY-P-M2035-K0812-65)
Member IXE, Louisville Gender Society. "Hello! I am a person who is exploring and enjoying the beauty of womanhood. My other interests include folk dance, vegetarian cooking, peacekeep-

ing, and feminist spirituality. I enjoy meeting with visitors to Louisville."

LYNNE B.
(KY-MI992-K2494-68)
Interested in corresponding with TV/TS.

OHIO
(434- 457-)

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-67)
Member Crossport, Tri-Ess. Senior citizen, 5'8", 170. Interested in outdoors, things feminine. "Spouse not sympathetic. In closet now, but not satisfied. Live now in small town."

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S OH-NP-M0954-K1005-69)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

TONI H.
(OH-MI066-K0970-68)
"I'm Toni, way back in the closet. If you are a closet TV who isn't coming out and would like to meet, say once a month to dress, drinks, talk and have private dinners and then adios, write with absolute guaranteed discretion, always!"

KIMBERLY S. GRAYCHECK
(SW OH-MI628-K0035-66)
"Thirty-four-year-old crossdresser interested in improving all aspects of feminine style. I hope to meet intelligent, interesting people to help with new behavior. GG/TV/TSs all welcomed. Inexperienced, but willing to learn. Will try to answer all who write."

MARY R.
(OH-M1731-K1875-65)
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-67)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

KATHERINE H.
(OH-MI994-K2073-67)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-NP-M2053-K2450-68)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Completely discreet."

JENNY WILLIAMS
(NE OH-M2714-K4357-68)
SW TV, 30, 6', 180, natural long brown hair, strong attraction to other TVs, looking for friendship and possibly more. Let's stumble through the confusion, joys and sorrows together. I'm a good shoulder to cry on. I'll need one, too! Let's be sisters. I love long hair."

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-NP-M2150-K2546-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All '93. Divorced CD, 54, 5'7", 160, nicely proportioned, educated, passes easily. Enjoys fashions, movies, girl talk, picture taking sessions, and being feminine. "Want to correspond with CDs. If interests are mutual, want to meet for conversation. Desire friendship. Will answer all inquiries."

AMY L.
(OH-NP-M2671-K4180-68)
Lonely, single bi-TV, 32, 5'3". Interested in photography, nature, motorcycles. "Like to hear from other TV/TS, understanding women for friendship, support, fun, and possible relationship. Can travel. Photo. SASE appreciated."

MARJORIE MILLER
(OH-P-M2710-K4355-68)
Member of Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 170, 47. Interested in photography, working on cars. "I answer all letters received. Picture for picture. Meeting is a possibility. Been crossdressing since a child. Go out dressed occasionally driving around in my car. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight.""

JOYCE S.
(SW OH-P-M2925-K4995-65)
Member Tri-Ess, Cross-Port. SWM, CD, 5'11", 180, 58 years young. Interested in reading, music, gardening, traveling. "Go out dressed about once a week--to movies, concerts, and shopping. Want to meet other CD/TSs to share these activities and gain help in being more feminine. Will answer all letters."

BRENDA ROBSON
(SW OH-P-M3154-K5883-65)
MWM, hetero TV, 45,190, 5'11". Hooked on nylon, silk, and lace, but need total look. "Unknowing spouse limits opportunities to dress. Feel womanly inside. Been out twice, afraid to do it again. Love to correspond with warm, sensitive sincere TVs. Please include photo."

JOAN B.
(OH-P-M3224-K6235-66)
Attended Spouthern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet

other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

JENNY R.
(OH-M3118-K5657-66)
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CD/TV/GGs for long talks and improving my femme side."

PAM HOWARD
(OH-M3162-K5989-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega, Erie Sisters. Attended Riverside Gala Weekend. 5'11", 150, blonde, hetero. Interested in computers, jazz, cross country skiing, kite flying. "Gone out many times. Will correspond with as many as I can."

THERESA R.
(OH-P-M3244-K6409-67)
Member Paradise Club, Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. 6'6", 265, brown eyes, hair depends on mood. Interested in dressing, makeup, helping those "out" that are still "in" for whatever reason. "Attended Poconos in September. Since then life has been a blur. Have gotten out and love it. Reply to any, all questions welcome."

WENDY A.
(OH-P-M3361-K6733-66)
Sincere, 5'10", 175, 29, professional. Interested in computers, photography, and making new friends. "Would like to meet others with similar interests to discuss personal experiences, techniques, motivations, feelings for mutual support."

ROXANNE LEWIS
(OH-M3582-K7576-67)
5'3", 140, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in Sci-Fi, writing, computers, Sci-Fi Cons, past lives, esoterica. "Want to meet people interested in esoterica, gender, science issues, for friendships."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(OH-P-M3386-K6800-66)
New to this wonderful world of crossdressing, and am looking to make new friends. I may be bi, don't know, but I know how strong my feelings are when dressed. Enclose picture when you write me. Response will be quick. Love to all!"

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-P-M3589-K7569-67)
Member Crystal Club. Hetero, CD, 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, 40's, German/American, college education, Vietnam Veteran, professional. "Lifelong CD. Enjoy going places en femme. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, classical music, oldies music, theater and traveling. Usually express the career-woman look. Love sexy lingerie and evening gowns."

TRACY WINTERS
(OH-M3622-K4238-67)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Alpha Omega, Crystal Club. MWM, CD, 57, 150, 52. "Wife not supportive. Would like to meet and/or correspond with CD/TV/TS/GG in NCO or anywhere else. Please include photo."

JENNI FREE
(OH-M3684-K8004-65)
DWM, 5'6", TG, 9/10, mid-30s, brown hair/eyes, 9/10, passable. "My interests include music, shopping, cooking, some sports, and much more. Recently entered therapy to begin full time transition to womanhood. Looking for sisters for friendship and support. Let's provide each other the courage to be. Answer all."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-65)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

JOYCE H.
(OH-NP-M3802-K0437-65)
Member Crystal Club. 45, 5'10", 145, MW hetero CD. Interested in all sports, fitness, brain teasers, fashion shopping en femme. "Crossdressing since early childhood, only recently joined Crystal Club. Enjoy total feminine look, being photographed. Wife somewhat supportive. Love dressing up and going out. Look forward to meeting others. Will reply to all."

ELLEN OHMAD
(OH-P-M3887-K8341-65)
Member of Paradise Club. MWM CD. Interested in drawing, music, sports, dressing. "Very caring, sensitive CD is looking for someone to share feminine interests. 5'6", 130, 63. I like art, music, sports, and most of all wearing the most feminine clothes, 10/12. Still need much help in makeup. Slightly out of the closet."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-65)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all and exchange photos."

DEBORAH LEE B.
(OH-M4053-K3837-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All, Holday En Femme. 5'7", 230, pass well. Interested in art (portrait painter), music, bowling, golf, computers (I publish Alpha Omega's *Femme Silhouette*). Married. TG. "Other than work and church, I live as my femme self. Sec/Treas for Alpha Omega 4 years."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-65)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

LESLEY L. FISHER
(OH-M4164-K0814-67)
DWM, 43, 6'0", 180, hetero TV. Interested in reading, music, keeping fit, backpacking, house plants. "Relatively new to crossdressing. Enjoy wearing soft, silky women's clothing, and do so in the evening and under my daytime masculine garb. Only mildly interested in appearing totally female. Trying to figure out where I fit in. Will answer all."

MICHELLE W.
(NE OH-M4180-K3177-67)
6'4", 250, 41, MWM, new TV. Interested in writing, reading, newly willing to seek self-discovery. "Femme self, long imprisoned in macho image, is ready for freedom. Seeking sincere TV/TS/TG girlfriends to share joys and risks of crossgendered lifestyle. Will respond promptly to all kind enough to write."

MARLENE HENKE
(OH-M4187-K6487-67)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

BETH H.
(IN-M1613-K1042-66)
DWM, 52, struggling with TS issues. Piano player, poet, professional background. "Traditional woman excited by today's challenges. 12-stepper. Spiritual. I'm moving from obsessive isolation, seeking life of greater responsibility, car-

ing and growth. Welcome correspondence, sharing from those of a like mind and heart."

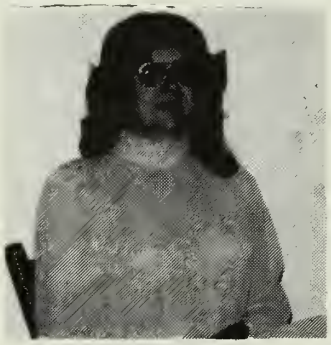
YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-65)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."

DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

VERONICA MAE S.
(IN-M1712-K1886-66)
Blonde, big boned (not fat), shy, lonely, frustrated, middle-aged gal. Pass okay. Interested in being a girl, model RR, nature, wild life, romance, second hand stores. "Want boy friend for companionship, maybe fun. Please, not too far away. No games. Be sincere, just as I am"

BARBARA ELLEN BERTRAND
(IN-M2324-K3021-65)
Member Cross-port, CGS, Louisville Gender Society. Attended '91 Be-All, '92 Southern Comfort. TS, 5'3", 135, 35, brown hair, hazel eyes. "Would like to correspond and meet with local TS/TVs. Enjoy BBSing, sci-fi, Roman and Greek art, archaeology and history of ancient civilizations."



DEBORAH ANNE K.
(IN-P-M2011-K2422-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '91, '92. MWM, TV, 51, 5'9". Interested in gardening, boating, bowling, handgun and rifle target-shooting, computers, cooking. "My wife is aware but has no further interest. I am a stay-at-home type person, love to help in background on projects. Rather bashful, but like to meet others. Try to answer all correspondence."

GLORIA ANN C.
(SE IN-NP-M2872-K4832-66)
SBM, 5'10", 155. Interested in gardening, flowers, race cars. "Crossdressing since childhood. Still in closet, but getting better."

ANNIE JOHNSON
(IN-M3400-K6858-67)
Member IXE. Attended Be All, Southern Comfort, IFGE '92 and '93. Secretary CTO, member Education & Outreach Committee, President IXE. "Interested in gender roles and culture, culture studies, walks, hiking, music. I have recently gone full-time and am starting my own consulting business."

CARIN QUEDENFELD
(IN-P-M3494-K7211-67)
Pre-op transsexual. Work as a psychotherapist and manager of a large clinic. "Interested in friendships and contact with experienced post-op or pre-op." experiences of others."

LISA N.
(IN-P-M3932-K8469-66)
5'9", 180, blonde, very blue eyes, medium build. Interested in SCUBA, cars, and all that is feminine. 37 year old novice. "I enjoy writing to sisters and would love to meet a sister for support, friendship and learning from her. I have a lot to learn, and need a tutor. Would love photo session."

KRISTEN M.
(IN-P-M4056-K8779-67)
Single TV, tall and slender. Enjoy golf and outdoor activities. "Would like to meet women or other TV/TSs for dress up fun. Enjoy corresponding and exchanging photos. Will try to answer all."

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-65)
Member of CIGA, Tri-Ess. Post-50's MWM hetero CD. Interested in writing, music, art, history, cooking, tennis, and bicycling. "Previously repressed CD with ambitions to expand the new self. Understanding wife. Eager to learn from the

HEATHER P.
(IN-M4117-K-67)
Member Crossport. 6'1", 180, mid-40's. Interested in working with handicapped persons, shopping, movies. "Starting into transition, been on hormones for 2• months. Searching for information and would like to correspond or meeting other pre/ post-op TSs or CDs for girl talk."

RANDI E.
(IN-P-M4080-K8767-66)
Hetero CD, 44, 5'8", blue eyes and great legs. "My wife is totally disabled, which limits my time to meet people and attend events. Into auto racing, photography, flying, and dressing in short skirts and high heels. Would like to meet other CD/TVs, real women who see me for who I am and not the clothes I like to wear. I can get away for short periods of time."

VICTORIA LEE W.
(IN-P-M4112-K-66)
MWM, 47, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. Wife is moderately supportive as long as it's behind the bedroom door. Need to come out into the sunlight, but living in a small rural town makes that difficult."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-67)
Member Crossroads, IME. 30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-F TG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling,

muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "Seek support and friendship in the Lansing area. Seek employment in the southwestern states: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-67)
Member Crossroads. Participant: Be All '84-'92. Married crossdresser. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, reading, computers. "Past President, editor, V.P. of *Crossroads*. Public and college speaker coordinator. Produced audio tape for TVs and wives."

TINA L. PRATT
(MI-P-M1276-K1112-65)
TG/TS, 37, 5'11", 22W, long hair, pierced ears, electrolysis passable. Interested in music, art, the outdoors, gardening, and my dogs. "Live in small community, out for 8 years with no regrets! I would enjoy hearing from others. Anyone close by?"

MARSHA K.
(SE MI-P-M2719-K4382-68)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-65)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

JUNE ASHBY
(MI-M3079-K5674-65)
Member of IME. Single TV with TS tendencies, passes well, 5'6". Interested in shopping for women's clothes, reading, feminine conversation, travel. "I would like to meet or correspond with anyone, male or female, who likes wearing women's clothes, or who would like to try it. Am experienced and could help those just starting, or those coming out of the closet. That's not a fun place to be."

JENIELLE HERESY
(MI-P-M3299-K6562-66)
Member Crossroads and IME. 6'6", slender 190, 35, single. "Free lance artist using many mediums. Enjoy all aspects of femininity, quiet evenings at home, art galleries, most music, movies, and home improvement. Yes, I'm tall, and I love it. Will reply thoughtfully ASAP."

M. STEPHANIE WELLS
(MI-P-M3377-K6718-66)
5'9", early 40's, TG and very open minded, but perhaps too introspective. Interested in photography, books, computers, high-tech gadgets. "Formerly very outgoing, but now just stumbling along. Hope to make a few friends, hear some different viewpoints, and regain my perspective. Travel through OH, PA, and Washington, D.C. Please write."

JARA BETH H.
(MI-NP-M3406-K6869-67)
5'6", 120, brown hair, blue eyes, pre-op TS. Interested in lingerie, lace, stockings, heels, skirts, pretty dresses, sexy men, sports, music, animals. "Extremely feminine M-F TS. On hormones since 4/90. Expect SRS by 9/96. Live and work full-time. I'll try to respond to all who write, especially men!"

DEBRA D.
(MI-M3490-K7206-67)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

BRENDA PETRY
(MI-M3583-K-7577-67)
Member CrossRoads. Divorced, white, pre-op M-F TS. 5'9", 155, 44, MA degree. Interested in woodworking, high-end, audio equipment. Enjoy all types of music, arts, theater. State-licensed contractor, registered with the EPA. Owner and president of corporation for 20 years, transcending slowly due to highly visible position within the business community.

DIANE C.
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-65)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professionally employed. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to finally allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality to match. Seek friendship and correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-68)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

NICOLE LEAHY
(IA-M3897-K6468-66)
Tall, grey-blue eyes, curly brown hair, glasses. Interested in science, canoeing, camping, music, reading, correspondence. "TS looking for friends. Would love to correspond with other TS professionals, especially those in the sciences."

MICHELLE/BOBBYE G.
(IA-N-M4092-K8774-67)
Member River City Gender Alliance. 6', blonde hair, blue eyes, 175, 12-16, SWM, lifelong CD. Interested in gardening, referee volley ball, computers, women, fixing anything. "Sculptured nail technician, love nails, nail art. Dress occasionally. Began again after life of suppression/guilt. Have positive outlook on life, sense of humor. Kind and sensitive."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

MARTHA M.
(WI-M1459-K1147-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme. 5'6", 160, 42, married, four kids. Interested in the arts, the outdoors, a night on the town. "Wife not supportive. Only get out in public a few times each year. Have worked through a lot as Martha. Willing to help others if you drop me a note."

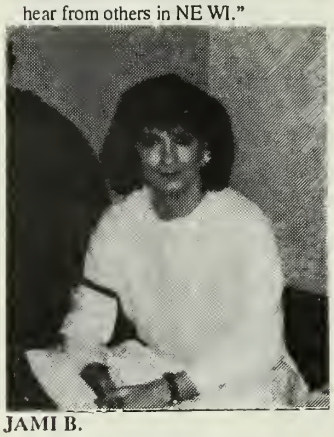
PAULA M.
(W WI-M2036-K2273-68)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 77, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (51 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

JANET LYNN II.
(WI-P-M2141-K2536-65)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter. SWM, 35, professional person. "Am into photography and travel. Love to shop for anything feminine and dressing up. Have been a CD for as long as I can remember. Love to hear from all who care to write. Trying hard to improve my femme side."

KATHY KLINE
(WI-P-M2234-K2678-65)
42, single male."I've been dressing since 10 years old. Love music, karate, shopping and movies. Would like to meet female who can accept what I am. Will correspond with other sisters."

KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5678-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-66)
MWM, 47, 5'8", 240, disabled Vietnam Veteran. Interested in model railroading, anything feminine, equality education. "Beauty is in the mind and in the heart. Looking for sisters who can believe the same. Want to share femme ideas. Seek friendships with CD/TS/GGs. Wish to hear from others in NE WI."



JAMI B.
(WI-P-M3456-K7120-67)
Member of Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All '93. Tall, sometimes good looking. "Jami and Jim are one. The saddest part is taking off the makeup. Wonder and strength and delightful energy integrate with nurturing spirit and wisdom. Despite the pain of nonacceptance, I thank God for what she has given me"

BRENDA H.
(WI-P-M3695-K8042-65)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS. MWM, 42, 5'9", 155, trim and fit. "Have made many new friends and enjoyed new experiences over the past year, a period of great personal growth, self-realization, understanding, and acceptance. Spouse is becoming more understanding. Enjoy conversation, and going out en femme to theater, restaurant, night club, and malls. Can we talk?"

TANYA K.
(WI-M3275-K4933-66)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, with strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Travel and dress in hotel room, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to be able to tell wife. Like classic, elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

KARA S.
(WI-M3781-K3306-65)
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in philosophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male/female within, concern for oneself and for one's community. My feminine side is more visible on the inside, but it's there. My first peak out of closet. Write if you have something to say."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-65)
S, 30's, 5'9", 155. "Lifelong TV with occasional TS thoughts. Almost passable, but need a supportive push for public outings. Would like to meet sincere TV/TS or genetic females for sharing, feminine appearance improvement, and public outings. Interested in forming an Upper Great Lakes support group. Will answer all letters with a photo."

ANA RICHARDSON
(WI-P-M3938-K8485-65)
Slender athletic redhead, 135, 5'7", size 6. Interested in skiing, acting, music, camping, clothes! Flowers, baseball, travel, parties. "Seek interested women, CD/TSs in NE WI. Sober, healthy, literate, single people. Professional writer - coorespond with both of me!"

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

KATHERINE H.
(MN-M1994-K2073-67)
Member CLCC. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

WENDY PETERSON
(MN-P-M2193-K2625-65)
29, 5'10", 13/14 going to 11/12, brown hair and eyes. Interested in high heels, dresses, garters, meeting others with like ideas, traveling, movies. "Been dressing most of my life, and find it very relaxing. Enjoy getting in touch with others who dress also. Would like to make some close friends in the Twin Cities and St. Croix Valley area."

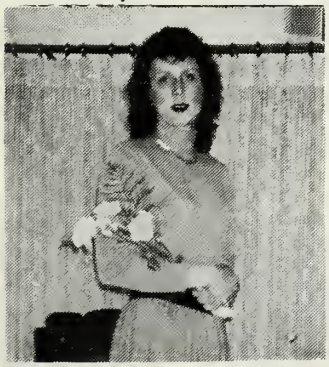
DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-N-M2396-K3143-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, TV, 5'9", 12/14, early 40's. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love

sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

CORRINE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-67)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 20, 41, single, bi-TV. Interested in petticoats, garters, girdles, dressing in general, quiet personal evenings with bi-TV friends. "Twin city area meetings desired with bi-TVs. Phone number and photo gets same."

MIRA LaCOUS
(SE MN-P-M2818-K4680-67)
Member MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS. M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman . . . soon more. "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since I started transitioning. Starting TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Write so we may correspond and/or meet. Not looking for anything sexual."

SOFRONIA ANNE S.
(MN-M3843-K2904-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Lifetime All-American CD. Interested in forming a Tri-Ess chapter in the Twin Cities. "If you live within 100 miles of the Twin Cities, would like to hear from you and discuss Tri-Ess"



DIANE KANE
(MN-P-M3107-K5691-65)
MWM, CD, 27, 5'10", slender, wife semi-supportive. "I enjoy creating a pretty and feminine appearance. I would enjoy corresponding with others, especially in N MN. Photo would be great! Let's get to know one another. We can never have enough friends."

TERESA THOMPSON
(MN-M4114-K-67)
5'9", 14/16, 40ish, hetero CD, married, wife doesn't know. Interested in classical music, quiet walks, tennis, computer languages. "After crossdressing for as long as I can remember, I am just now discovering this wonderful community. Want to develop my feminine side to its fullest potential, both inside and outside. Would love to hear from CD, especially MN."

MICHELLE P.
(MN-NP-M3425-K7036-67)
MWM, tall, slender, with a very supportive wife. Interested in fashion, clothes, makeup, shopping, and developing my femininity. "Would like to meet, correspond, exchange photos with all sisters."

ELLEN D.
(MN-P-M3923-K8443-65)
DWM, CD, 5'11", 175, 14/16. Athletic, creative, a writer into metaphysics (very intuitive), travel frequently. Love to transform M-F. Need help to pass. "Will escort passable TVs in MSP or elsewhere. Would love to meet inderstanding woman or post-op TS for relationship. Will answer all TV/TS/TG who write. Photo, please."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)

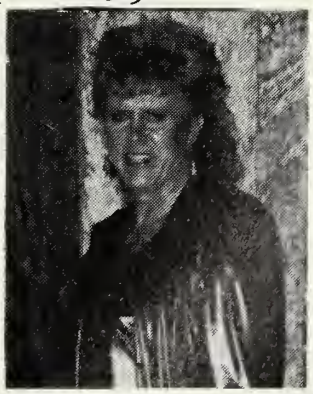
NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

BOBBI SWAN
(ND-N-M3557-K0975-67)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

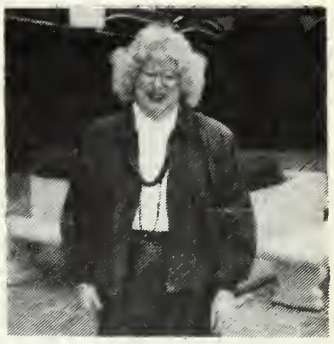
MONTANA (590- 599-)

ANDREA O.
(MT-M3190-K6154-65)
Blue-eyed, brown-haired doll. Andrea loves walking, dancing, diving, shopping, makeovers, talking, and life. "Will graduate with BS in Computer Science 12/92. I want to become active in TV/TS events, and find a career as Andrea."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)



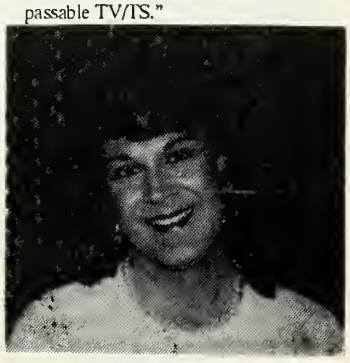
EVE B.
(IL-P-M0523-K1199-67)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.



NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney, author of "Legal Briefs" column in *Tapestry*.

GERI WATERS
(IL-P-M1400-K1291-65)
Member and vice-president of St. Louis Gender Foundation, assistant representative to MAGGIE. Hazel eyes and natural long hair. Good-natured Leo. Enjoys art, writing, music, cars, home decorating, and good friends. "TS looking for sisters & friends to share thoughts and get-togethers. I dress full time as a female, and am happy as such. Spouse understands and is supportive. Remember, someone does care."

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-68)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."



MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-68)
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Mem-

ber: CGS(Chicago), IXE(Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birthyear 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

LINDA F.
(IL-M2977-K5145-65)
5'11", 165, MWM hetero CD. Interested in cooking, gardening classical music, community service, model railroading. "In closet due to job. Non-accepting wife. Seek correspondence and conversation with those in similar circumstances. Love being dressed when I can find the chance."ate support group in the area."

JENNIFER R. THEISS
(IL-P-M2994-K5185-65)
Awards: Miss Gay Mexico, Miss Gay Germany. 5'9", red hair, green eyes, brunette, pretty, slim, very feminine. Interested in dance, entertainment, impersonations, aerobics, yoga, museums, fashion shows, night life. "Lived as a woman since eighteen. Pre-op transsexual. Worked as a female impersonator, now as a makeup artist and translator. Like to meet guys from 18-40 in the Chicago area for friendship and possible relationship. Like to hear from all my sisters."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-65)
Hetero, married CD. Wife is understanding and very supportive. I'm enjoying this lifestyle very much. Wishing to correspond and exchange pictures and ideas with other TVs, especially couples who are into crossdressing. Meeting possible with honest, sincere individuals. Interests include gowns, sexy party dresses, leather and lace. Design and make some of my own costumes. Please send photo."

MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-NP-M3384-K6781-68)
Early 30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, lingerie, garter belts, stockings, long nails, and hair. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting dominant GGs or TVs to train me in fem aspects. Love photography, video sessions. Answer all w/ photo."

HEDY H.
(IL-NP-M3569-K7483-68)
"Courtesan? Rusty-haired, mature very pretty 'in between' is plausible with her lush 41-29-42 figure. I am only 5'7", 140 in my stockings. Rendezvous in KC, Indy, Saint Louis, Chicago, Memphis possible. For big fun, gaiety, RSVP with your best snapshot, get-acquainted non-form letter."

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS
(IL-P-M3816-K6257-65)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

JACKIE V.
(IL-M3009-K5199-65)
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together in Denver, and Be All in Cleveland. 50's, 6', 160, self-employed, energetic. Interested in antique cars, meeting other CDs. "Want to correspond with and meet with others in the TV community. Like to get to know genetic women who are supportive of the CD life-style. Could lead to marriage. Supportive of all life-styles, even though I am straight."

RENE L.
(IL-P-M3850-K1561-65)
Member of Chicago Gender Society. 6'2", brown hair and eyes, bi-closet TV. Interested in herbal medicine and biology, rock music, political consciousness, cooking. "Seeking white bi-females or TVs for friendships, possible relationships. Natural long hair a plus."

DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-67)
50, 5'11", 14T, MWM. "Dressed secretly for years. Out in public a few times, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in November '92 and am most grateful for the acceptance and support. Am a professional who lectures, consults, teaches, and writes. Wife is very understanding but not interested in seeing me dressed. Enjoy classical music, theater, conversation, share stories. Sometimes pass well."

DIAN MARKS
(IL-NP-M4138-K8914-66)
Member Chicago Gender Society. SWM, hetero, home alone CD, new to the community. "Waiting to hear from Tri-Ess. Just starting to learn more about this lifestyle, though I have enjoyed it for years. Looking for correspondence only. A great picture is hard to come by. Send one if you have one you are proud of."

ROBYN G.
(IL-M2411-K3325-65)
SWM, 33, 5'9", 135, 10, shoulder-length brown hair, small frame, feminine features. Interested in camping, sci-fi, movies, aerobics, art, and dressing up. "Recently engaged to a wonderful girl (she doesn't know). Still in closet. How do I break the news to her. Need help in passing in public, hair styles, etc. Would enjoy being pen pals with all you wonderful girls out there."

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-65)
MWM, 43, 5'9", 185. Interested in sporting events, women's fashions, fishing. "Wife understands, but not supportive. I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It makes me feel relaxed."

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-NP-M4148-K8938-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", 170, married to supportive wife. Professional, interested in travel, exercise, autos. "Attend many Tri-Ess meetings and socials. Am not as active in CD scene as I could like. Looking for CDs to go out and help me pass in public."

BRITTANY M.
(IL-M4201-K7033-67)
Brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in music and reading. "I am still in the closet, but would like to kick the door open. I would be interested in corresponding or meeting CD/TV/TSs. I would like to share my dreams with them and maybe someday I can walk proud as the feminine within."

MICHELLE MATTHEWS
(IL-NP-M4150-K8905-67)
DWM, 44, 5'11", 150. Interested in photography; reading; boundary waters/

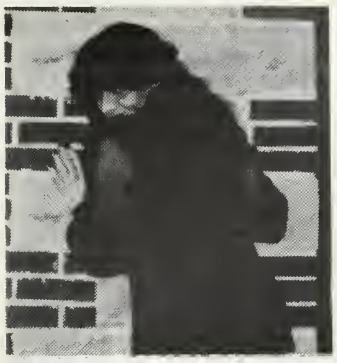
Quetico Park; guitar; chess; sports; sexy, feminine clothing; hormones. "Dressed at four. Fought it for years, but learning to relax and enjoy it. Ready to correspond/meet with other TV/TSs or understanding women. Don't know if I pass, but I'd love to."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-67)
Member: TCNE, SLGF. DWM, 51, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, writing, and fashion. "Lifelong crossdresser and have always been comfortable and well adjusted with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Though recently forced back into closet, am finding myself again thanks to the wonderful support of my significant other. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-NP-M2689-K4328-68)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . . "

TONI FRIED
(MO-M4052-K8561-66)
Member AEGIS. 5'4", 150 losing, dark hair, hazel eyes, BiW TV/TS. "Been dressing on and off ten years, but real serious in the last year. I like meeting new people and enjoy being totally feminine. Right now scared and confused, lonely. Sound familiar? Interested in hearing from others on hormones. Will answer all."



KIMBERLY DE'ANNE DORMAN
(MO-NP-M3036-K5494-65)
Member KCCAF, GSF, GRAD. Attended Fall Harvest '91. '92. Received the Elaine Bauer Award, '92-'93. 38, 5'7", 12, squeaky clean, pre-op TS. Past officer KCCAF. Interested in shopping, reading, photography, and helping new girls out of the closet. "Worn dresses since age three and loved it. Wanted to be a girl since age 5. Let's get our lifestyle out of the closet."

ROXANNE VELDY
(MO-NP-M3623-K7751-68)
Member StLGF. Self-employed visual artist. MWM, 38, 5'11", children, wife tolerant, but not supportive. Involved with the gender community in St. Louis. Not passable, but trying. Out ten years and still battling for self acceptance. "I enjoy life and all its varied experience. Can we talk?"

JORDYNNE BAKER
(MO-NP-M3874-K4403-66)
Member StLGF. MWM, 42, wife tolerant but not supportive. "Came out in late '92 and StLGF sisters and pen-girls from these warm pages helped me blossom. Your love has given me more hope than I dreamed possible a year ago. Still so much to learn, to do, to feel, and so many of you to hug. On accepting ourselves: *Nulla rosa sine spina.*"

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-P-M3958-K2970-65)
DWM, 40's, 6', 185. Interested in woodworking, football, and world events involving the military. "Am interested in hearing from a hetero CD about their experiences at a major event, i.e., Poconos or Texas T Party. Enjoyed Nancy Cole's article on Fall Harvest. Would like to attend, but need reassurance."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K-66)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

KANSAS (660- 679-)

EVELYN B.
(E KS-P-M0400-K1329-68)
"Tall, thin, enjoy getting out. Interested in meeting others interested in gender issues in Kansas City and other midwestern cities. Want to perfect classy and sophisticated feminine image. Active in some of the support groups. Lots of information on local resources and friendly shops. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the Kansas City area."

NANCY COLE
(KS-M2189-K2602-99)
Member Kansas City CAF, SLGF. Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party, Be All. "I have been crossdressing for years, and enjoy working with and for members of our community. I travel frequently and widely, enjoy just about everything, and do well for myself, both in my male and in my female role. Interests include reading, history, movies, current events, and, of course, fashion and beauty. (I'm a sucker for the antebellum stuff.)"

BECKY GAIL CROSLOVE
(KS-P-M1346-K1321-65)
Sexy, 5'7•, 165, 40-24-36, fortyish, biTV. Married wife understand. Engineer, mechanical services division. Owner/Director: Crossdressers Research Center. Director: Gemini Research Facilities. "Want to socialize and write to friendly Kansas and other sisters. Will answer all mail within three days. Answer all SSE. Lifelong TV. Friendly sisters invited."

BARBARA R. JAMES
(KS-M4008-K6782-66)
Attended Holiday En Femme '87. M-F TG/TS, 50ish, blonde, brown eyes. Enjoy listening to classical music, Oldies, and some C/W music. "Enjoy shopping, cooking, cats. On hormones one year. Am a fun-loving person with a good sense of humor, no doubts about my femininity, and NO money. I will happily write to all, especially pre/post-op TS/TGs from SF to Reno."

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

JANICE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-65)
Member of Emerald City, Tiffany Club of New England. 6'1", trim, DWM, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel , especially the Pacific Northwest. Dress as professional woman. Enjoy life ,having fun with others. Educated executive, pilot, physically active (b-ball, walking, hiking), computer literate. Like to meet other TVs for discussion, local activities."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-66)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to

become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

LEAH MEDUNA
(LA-N-M4067-K8796-66)
Member Understand, Tri Delta Chi. Pre-op TS. 37, 5'10", 120. Interested in art, theatre, ballet, girl talk, and shopping. "Living full-time now and enjoying being me. At last working hard to get my group Understand started. Want to fight for the rights of us in the community. Am an outgoing person interested in helping others. May the Goddess Mothers be with you all!"

LISA HART
(LA-P-M1717-K1348-67)
Single TV, 39, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personae."

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-NP-M2964-K5098-68)
Member Tri Delta Chi. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters,welcome correspondence."

MICHELLE KELLY
(LA-P-M3054-K5640-65)
Member of Beta Chi, GCTC, Tri Delta Chi, and Tri-Ess. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, Fantasy Adventure Weekend, IFGE '92. 41, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 170. Interested in computers and anything feminine. "Want to make friends with others. Travel south MS and LA. Work weekends. Off Tues.-Thurs. Will answer all."

LESLIE STORM
(LA-N-M4000-K8594-66)
SW, 40 going on 20, 5'10", 170. Like water skiing, fishing, golf. Open minded, friendly, sense of humor. This Cajun lady loves to dress and go out dancing. "I would love to meet other sisters and men in my area or travel to meet ya'll. With my job, I'm in Houston, Texas and Fort Lauderdale, Florida a lot. Your photo gets my letter."

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

STEPHENIE RENEE' F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-68)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping , going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass well."

JANA H.
(S AR-NP-M2042-K2442-68)
Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, CD & TS'm. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

GEE TRANSU
(OK-M4204-K7024-67
A lady of a certain age. Interested in dressing up, high heels, lingerie, classical music, musical theater, literature, history, computers. E-mail welcomed. Address to Gee, Compuserve ID #71672,2367.

MALINA W.
(OK-P-M3954-K8555-66)
SWM, bi-TV, 35+, 6', 195. Interested in sci-fi movies, rock and roll, IBM compatible computer building and repair, old car and motorcycle rebuilding. "Have finally accepted self, but still in closet. Friends and family don't know, and would not understand. Need understanding person to bring out the full woman with friendship or relationship."

TEXAS (750- 799-)

JANICE HILARY RUPARD
(S TX-M0567-K1413-67)
Attended Coming Together 1-5, Texas T 1,2, Esprit '90. Mid60's going on 50. Interested in dressing as a lady of my age. Usually passable, but who cares? "I try to answer all letters, but may take awhile. Be sure to include your address. My psychic powers can only do so much, and the ones without return addresses are often the most interesting."

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-64)
Participant Holiday En Femme, Coming Together, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, California Dreamin', Dignity Cruise. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes, interests include church, sports, music, bridge, English history, Sherlock Holmes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are strongly committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.

LAURA TAYLOR
(TX-P-M1254-K1408-65)
WM, 5'9", 165, late 30's. My main interest is improving my feminine appearance. "I enjoy my special time as Laura, , like to hear from other CDs. My goal is to be totally passable as an attractive woman. Let's talk about makeup, wigs, fashion, all the wonderful things that make the female lifestyle so special."

DEBBIE BROOKS
(TX-N-M1284-K1373-66)
Attended many events in the New York area during late '80's. Tall, slim professional entertainer. "Just getting active again after 3 years of divorce recovery. Interests include gardening, painting, music, fashion/glamor/makeup. I travel a lot and look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new people."

KAREN R.
(TX-N-M1514-K1234-666)
Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Interested in comedy writing, typical CD stuff. "If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable about yourself, you're my kind of person!"

CASEY COLE
(S TX-M1907-K2196-67)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Attended every Texas T Party. Hetero male living with supportive GG. Interested in construction, cabinetry, bicycling, camping.

DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-P-M1734-K1897-67)
Member Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89. SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Interested in scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/video producer. Actively involved in community activities.

MAXINE MCDONALD
(N TX-M2223-K2669-66)
Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try with class."

CHERYL CLARK
(TX-P-M2116-K2510-65)
Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92, Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at the Austin Community College."

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-65)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

LIANA JAMES
(TX-M2949-K5062-65)
Member Tri-Ess, SIS. Intelligent, bright, outgoing TV. Interested in photography, travel, computers, fishing, dressing. "I have only been crossdressing for the past two years. Still in the closet. Will be going out in the near future."

RIKKI SCOTT
(S TX-P-M2201-K2649-65)
Member HTGA. Attended Texas T Party '91, '92. Early 50's professional man, CD for many years with tolerant spouse. Psychologist doing research on childhood and family backgrounds of CDs. Interests include classical music, pipe organ, sailing, jazz, hiking. Would be interested in hearing from all TV/TSs

MARY ANN B.
(TX-M2194-K2628-65)
Member Tri-Ess (Delta Omega). WM, brunette, almost 40 (ugh!), 130, and 2 inches too tall. Interested in sewing, creative fashion, cooking. "I am looking to correspond with others considering or seeking a future as a TS. Very friendly and outgoing. Would love to share experiences, dreams, and hopes (fears?) for the future. Please take some time and write. Will answer promptly." about their families and childhood experiences with crossdressing.

MARLINA DAWN MURPHY
(W TX-P-M2211-K2659-65)
Member HTGA/NW, San Angelo, Texas. Participant Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure Weekend. MWM, 6'2, 173, blue eyes, 12, 52, professional. Interested in fishing, gourmet cooking, easy listening music, and dressing. "Editor/publisher of *Petticoat Junction* magazine and the Texas T Party Photo Annual. Interested in hearing from all in west TX and San Angelo area."

SUSAN JEAN SMITH
(TX-N-M2235-K2679-66)
Attended various European TV/TS balls. 5'10", tall, leggy, extremely well educated, professional. Interested in modeling, erotic dancing, escort service, body building. Texan TV living in Europe looking for classy generous man who wants to be pampered. Prefer black men. Will consider others. Want serious relationship, and to meet TV/TSs and girls."

MELISSA THOMPSON
(TX-M3258-K6399-66)
Member Austin Second Image. 33, 5'10", 150, married with two young children. Interested in languages, cultures, and history of the Middle East. "My wife is fully supportive of my crossdressing; in fact we save money by sharing clothes. I most enjoy going out in public, and do so regularly. Would like to hear from others with children."

DEE ANNE M.
(S TX-P-M2691-K4242-65)
College educated professional male, sales, nearing retirement, TV ten years, with accepting other, seeks friendship with 50's-60's couple (married) in immediate Corpus Christi area, where wife accepts and encourages husband to dress. Would like to socialize and dress, in private only, share ideas. Replies confidential.

JOANNA STEPHENS
(TX-NP-M2722-K4386-68)
Member Sigma Epsilon/Delta Omega. Early 40s, warm and friendly bigenderist. "Tall and slim, 5'11", 138. Lover of life and people. Enjoy photography, social events, and being me. Shopaholic size 10 blonde with crystal blue eyes. Always enjoy meeting new people."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-65)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Came out - come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-65)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested in photography, travel, reading, shopping, and being a woman. Hope to meet others in the community, participating in events, meetings, etc. Will exchange photos, correspond. Want to improve my feminine persona."

STEPHANIE SPIEGEL
(TX-P-M3174-K6055-65)
5'11", 170, 35, SWM, TV for 27 years. Have TS feelings. Interested in the outdoors, dressing, rock 'n' roll, current events, dressing, . . . much more. "I dream of someday becoming a she-male movie star. Looking for a female or TS to share life with. Would also like to meet pretty TVs. Have good job. Please, photo if possible (returnable). I love you all!"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-NP-M3186-K6109-67)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Would also like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DEBBIE HAHN
(TX-P-M3201-K6201-66)
Hi Everybody! 6', 170, divorced CD, member of Tri-Ess. Attended 1991 T Party. Miss my friends in Washington, DC, and looking forward to making new ones. Love music, plays, and sports. Comfortable with my maleness and exploring my femininity. I love to dress and primp. An adventurer, comedian, and smart-ass. Drop a line."

DIANNA B.
(TX-P-M3267-K6402-66)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in day so I'd have more time to dress."

DIANNE G.
(TX-M3405-K6867-67)
39, single, 5'11", 145. Interested in art, photography, gardening, cooking reading. "Want to hear from and respond to all who are interested in the Texarkana and four states area. Open minded and interested in meeting."

JEAN G.
(TX-M3421-K6856-67)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood. TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles that appeared in *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

MONICA-LEE MARIE
(TX-NP-M3506-K7202-68)
Hetero CD, 30, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, movies, reading, and travel. Seeking Lipstick Lesbian for sharing girl talk and candle light. If humor and compassion mixed with a passion for feminine fashion sounds like fun—what are you waiting for? Please send photo. Desert hearts unite."

CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-P-M3629-K7747-67)
Member GCTC. 5'15", shy, but artistic and fun-loving TV/TS? Interested in art, music, feminine side. "Would love to correspond with others about living as a female. Consider dating understanding and supportive hetero males."

KIMBERLY S.
(TX-NP-M4178-K1091-67)
5'10", 136, sophisticated and sincere CD. "Looking for what may seem impossible, a MWM 35-40 seeking discreet relationship. Write if you are interested. Photo appreciated."

MELANIE T.
(TX-M3537-K7180-67)
Member Tau Chi, GCTC. Attended Texas T Party (4), Fantasia Fair, Be All, Holiday En Femme, Dignity Cruises (4). "Young 50 year old CD married to ulti-

mate supportive SO. Enjoy everything feminine, travel, and my beautiful wife, Dr. Peggy Rudd, author of *My Husband Wears My Clothes* and *Crossdressing with Dignity*. I enjoy meeting all from the gender community."

CISSY PATRICK
(TX-M3891-K6806-65)
6'3", 180, blonde, blue eyes, S, 44. Interested in hairdressing, cooking, classical music, photography, walking, biking, tennis. "Have been a pantywaist sissy all my life and would like to hear from all sisters, especially in the hairdressing business, and those with an entrepreneurial spirit, and ideas in the CD community."

JANELL STEPHENS
(TX-NP-M4181-K9051-67)
MW pre-op TS, 5'6", 145, brown hair and eyes, 38. "Just a down-home west Texas girl, Abilene area. Train horses, love outdoors and quiet evenings, good conversationalist, excited about my SRS. Very passable. Wife is somewhat supportive. Want to meet and support all my sisters in TX,NM,AR, LA. Will answer."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT
(CO-P-M0493-K1450-66)
Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing 83, 84; Texas T Party 89, 90, 91, 92; IFGE Denver. SWM TV, 50's, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy hiking, bicycling, traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed. Am currently vice moderator and Bingo cashier for Pueblo MCC church."

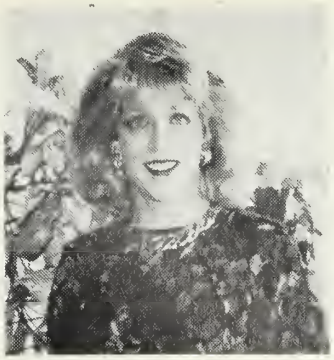
ROXANNE SALEM
(C CO-M2600-K3768-67)
Member GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91. 40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

RENAE E.
(CO-M2948-K5068-68)
MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint. "Closeted, wife somewhat supportive. Dressing since three. Would like to correspond with others to gain confidence."

GERI G.
(CO-P-M3077-K5676-65)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

SHEETAH O.
(CO-NP-M3638-K6276-68)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

ANGIE HOWE
(CO-M4154-K8933-67)
MWM, hetero CD, very young, early 50s, CD about 5 yrs. Interested in traveling, golf, model railroading, gardening, dressing. "Wife very supportive. She has sewn most of my extensive wardrobe. Interested in corresponding, possibly meeting other hetero CDs and learning more about CD culture and my fem self." Like to make friends to help me out the door. Need all the help I can get."



ANDREA DANIELS
(CO-P-M3726-K5545-65)
Member Tri-Ess and GIC, Denver. Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92. MWM, CD, 35, 5'7", 145, blonde, blue eyes. Intersted in a wide variety of music, correspondence, restauranting, skiing, running, doing occasional Fl shows. "Fortunate to have made friends with our paraculture. Want to meet more shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

WENDI M.
(CO-M3725-K8260-68)
S TV, 39, 6', 135. Interested in computers, rock climbing, skiing, and being Wendi. "Have been dressing for years, but never made it past the front door.

WYOMING (820- 831-)

LORI LARKIN
(WY-P-M3229-K6287-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Chapter. Attended Texas T Party '92. DWM, early 40's, 5'6", 125, slight build, size 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and especially dressing. "Am enjoying more and more freedom as Lori. Looking forward to new experiences with a great deal of excitement. Love to correspond with others. Travel and select outings possible."

MICHELLE INGLE
(WY-P-M3332-K1454-65)
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle when I can. Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos."

IDAHO (832- 838-)

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-NP-M2078-K2472-68)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "I like going to the mall. Sometimes I'll stay there all day. I like bowling, water/snow skiing, roller skating, would try roller blades, hooking rugs. Would like to hear from other TV/TS sisters from different parts of the world."

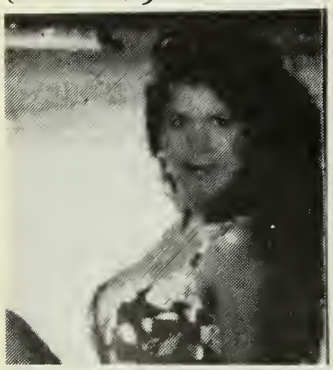
RENEE W.
(ID-N-M3586-K7579-67)
Member Tri-Ess. SWM hetero TV, 32, 5'10", 175. "Enjoy my classy wardrobe and going out. Like all aspects of feminine lifestyle, and am passable. Want to meet others like myself who live close enough to visit. Will share photos and letters with all sisters."

WANDA S.
(ID-M3238-K6335-66)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

MICKIE ANN S.
(ID-M3842-K2868-65)
Mid-40's, 6', 200, MWM, brown hair and eyes. Interested in camping, mountains, hunting, rafting, cooking, and dressing up. "Love to dress when I can. Have never been out, but want to learn all I can. Like to meet/correspond with others."

BONNIE M.
(ID-NP-M4124-K8917-66)
Single pre-op TS, 5'10", 150. Interested in Native American culture, museums, mountains, fishing, hunting, camping, archery, photography, travel, meeting new people. On hormones since '79, electrolysis complete, saving money for surgery, breast augmentation. Living full time since '85. Want to meet couples, men, women, TV/TSs for friendship, dating, mutual interests, relationship."

UTAH (840- 847-)



CHRISTY MILLER
(UT-NP-M2816-K4667-68)
"Beauty and the beast." Your photo gets my letter.

ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Divorced TV/CD/TS, 34, 5'6", 200. "Enjoy shopping, movies, music, learning about my other self. I've only recently decided to see what's outside the closet. Interested in meeting other sisters and attending social events/conferences. Although I'm terrible at correspondence, I would like to develop a circle of friends to be comfortable with."

LINDA W.
(UT-P-M3930-K5354-66)
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-66)
DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel . Please write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-NP-M1158-K1453-68)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

RENEE MARIA GREGG
(AZ-M2321-K3016-65)
Attended IFGE Convention '91, Trinidad, CO '92/legal sex change form. New woman/Biber Babe 6/92. Clubs with regular, straight men & women, interested in volley ball, bicycling, dancing, romance and intimacy with men taller than I am. "Sisters and brothers, thank you all very much. My life is so right and fun and fulfilling now. I'm mentoring two pre-ops and getting into the regular world with my new women friends."

CAROL DEARBORN
(S AZ-P-M2509-K3597-66)
"If I knew, years ago, of a TS sanctuary to escape to, the Gospel of Eliminating Money, Law & the $tate; women (especially non-virgins) are dangerous, true love leads to babies, masturbation is sin, persons born breech (feet first) are different, virginity is a blessing, theists saw the light, and clothes and genitals don't make a Messiah . . . "

LEE REYNOLDS
(AZ-NP-M2514-K3665-67)
Member Alpha Zeta. Attended Texas T, Holiday En Femme, Coming Together. Presenter at Esprit '93, "Learning to Speak like a Woman." "Active in the crossgendered community as a speech therapist. Have a beginner's video tape for speaking like a woman. Also Tips for the creation of the illusion of Cleavage. Trade photos."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-68)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of the country. Not interested in men!"

SAMANTHA CORMIER
(AZ-P-M3098-K5779-66)
Member of Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Attended Fantasia Fair '91. 5'9", 39, auburn hair, hazel eyes. Interested in reading, movies, music, camping, photography, and helping others in the gender community. "Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs or GGs. Will answer all who write."

DAGNY TAGGART
(AZ-P-M3268-K6393-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. Hetero CD, mid-30's, 5'10", 130, divorced. Enjoy outdoor activities, computers, dogs and cats, and girl stuff. "I'm the First Lady of Alpha Zeta, the Arizona Tri-Ess chapter. I enjoy shopping and dining out en femme. Would like to correspond with women by birth. Email: 75056,100 CompuServe."

TRISH T.
(AZ-P-M3320-K6584-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. 5'10", 150, 37, open-minded, friendly, good sense of humor, college degrees, now single, slightly vain. Former California girl loves the beach, sailing, snow and water ski-

ing, sports, female beauty, oldies, movies, and fitness to maintain figure. "Gone out with friends to lunch, movies, and chapter meetings. Be my pen-girl. Send SASE for exchange. You won't be disappointed."

SANDY GARDNER
(AZ-M4040-K8786-66)
Member of Swan Inner Sorority. Blond/red shoulder length hair, blue eyes, 5'7". Interested in camping, fishing, adventure, horses, sunsets, fireplaces, cuddling. "I prefer silky satin to soft colorful cottons. I am interested in feminine women with the same interests for a one-on-one relationship."

CINDY N.
(AZ-M4047-K8782-66)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. SWM, divorced, 5'7", size 18, early 50's. Interested in photography, computers, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping. "Enjoy meeting new people. Have been editor of *Cactus Flower* for three years, and still like doing it!"

RASHEL
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. 6'0", 200, 48. SCUBA diving, photography, private pilot, piano. Hetero single TV with strong TS tendencies. "I enjoy traveling and networking with other serious sisters. Want to become more active in TS/TV/CD community. Will respond to all sisters who write."

JUSTIN ALLEN & STEPHANIE HORN
(AZ-NP-M4224-K8641-67)
Justin F-M CD, Stephanie M-F post-op TS (11 yrs). Both 40. Justin wants to meet/correspond with other F-M CDs, and with M-F TVs interested in F-M CDs. Stephanie offers to support/meet/correspond with pre- and post-op M-F and F-M TSs. "We are looking for new friendships. Stephanie is Native American and would like to hear from other Native American TSs."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

ERIKA DALE
(NM-NP-M2634-K4119-67)
Member Feminet BBS. Attended Fantasy Realization B & D Ball '92. Professional, well educated, 38, pre-op TS, 5'8", 159, brunette with green eyes. "Love being Erika, been told I am cute, if somewhat athletic. Early stage pre-op TS. Dealing with typical issues of transition. Interested in meeting caring, intelligent man from the SW."

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-67)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

SUSAN BALLINGER
(NV-P-M3999-K8467-65)
MWM, hetero TV, 38. "Active, attractive, love to dress and reveal my feminine identity to others. Have been dressing most of my life and recently came to terms with my feminine self. I am open with my wife who, at first, grudgingly accepted Susan as a friend and feminine companion. Have been out as Susan and met male and female friends. I'd like to broaden my circle of friends."

LORI B.
(NV-P-M3376-K6577-67)
33, 5'11", 155. Beginning transition, eternal optimist. Interested in business, writing, philosophical conversations, and shopping. "I like being me. Would like to correspond with, possibly meet upbeat people for mutual support, friendship."

PATRICA D.
(NV-P-M3448-K7084-67)
5'7", DWM, hetero CD, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in jazz, reading, and hiking. "Have just overcome lifelong sense of guilt. My sister and mother encouraged me to become their daughter/sister. Just started crossdressing again and am very happy with Patrica. Need help."

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-P-M0480-K1659-65)
DBM, Hetero, 44, 5'8", 150, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music, movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. No men. Enjoy making new friends in US."

BETSY B.
(N CA-M1104-K1692-68)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-NP-M1150-K1648-68)
TS after many years of hiding in the closet. "Am happily moving towards SRS. Love the wonderful changes in my body, but grieve the loss of a loving family unable to accept or understand. Would like to hear from others that have or are experiencing similar problems."

JEANNIE/JEAN F.
(CA-M1291-K1589-66)
Lifelong dresser, 63, little experience out. "Avid reader and collector of reading material. Into computer video, many CD and she-male. Would trade or sell books. Do some public speaking (12-step program), bicycle and snow ski (racing). Need plenty of guidance. Let's write and share."

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(N CA-NP-M1472-K7809-65)
SWM, Bi-TV, 33, 150, 6'0", long hair, currently in electrolysus. "Formerly Sharyn Stevens, but boyself has finally accepted femme self into the family! Interested in dates, NOT penpals (no time to write). Attractive, relaxed, non-smoking companions sought, SF Bay area, for movies, conversation, sharing fantasies. Male female, or TV/TS. Also interested in dating TV/TS as Steve."

DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-67)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise 1. MWM hetero TV, 46 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 5 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

SARAH W.
(N CA-NP-M1727-K1877-68)
32, pre-op M-F TS, on hormones one year. Surgery scheduled for late 1993. "It has been an incredible year! From telling family, friends, and work, to going full-time, to feeling whole at last! Wish to offer support and understanding to my sisters. Quite active on the Internet."

STACY C.
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-67)
40 years young, 6', auburn hair, green eyes. Clinical psychology graduate student, gender issues a specialty, looking at root causes of CD. "Very busy with my studies, but would love to correspond with intelligent, open, CD/TVs, etc. I go public as schedule permits. Dress to pass. Try to answer promptly, be patient!"

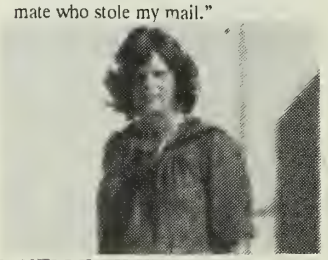
RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-67)
Member ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek. Participant Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties. 5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who knew ... best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(S CA-NP-M1927-K2214-68)
MWM, 39, 5'10", size 18. Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, photography and all things feminine. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with TV/TSs, especially queen sized sisters."

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-65)
Attended IFGE Conventions, Texas Ts, Esprit, Holiday Enfemme, Southern Comfort. White TV, 5'10". "Travel the world enjoy attending conventions. Enjoy corresponding /meeting other TV/TSs. I enjoy helping others, so drop me a note."

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-68)
Bi-TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman almost all of my life. Looking to hear from others. Age 23."

ARLENA ROSE
(CA-P-M2273-K2847-65)
Member of ETVC. 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, S, 39. Interested in cooking, reading, music, fashion, art, trying to be a better person. "Scared, lonely, and confused. Sound familiar? Am seeking someone to help me face and overcome these things and accept me in return. If you've written before, try again. I had a roommate who stole my mail."



JANELLE AILENE SEXTON
(CA-P-M2327-K3024-65)
Member of ETVC, Diablo Valley Girls. Divorced, hetero, TV, 37, 6', 190, red hair, blue eyes. Interested in square dancing, period costumes, and simulated pregnancy. "Enjoy going out dressed."

ROXANNA R.
(N CA-P-M2350-K3063-66)
Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, goddesses, fetishes, and erotica. "Am a bright and sexy chimerical femme interested in correspondence and/or meeting with genuine TVs and sincere men to practice the art of gender illusionism."

LORI CALLWAY
(SW CA-P-2586-67)
5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, 60s rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

TRISH ANDERSON
(CA-NP-M2599-K3767-66)
"Very comfortable and outspoken, married TV. My wife Bev and I operate Cross Connection BBS and Femme Development Services in Los Angeles. We love to meet, encourage, and help all the girls in the community."

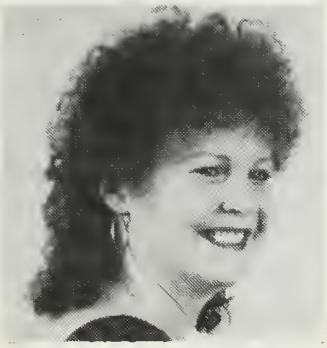
BOB DAVIS
(N CA-P-M2620-K1631-68)
"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's Drag and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."

MELANIE B.
(SW CA-M2566-K3737-67)
5'3", blue eyes, light brown hair, caucasian, 41, M-F pre-op TS. Facial electrolysis completed. On hormones one year. Interested in the arts, doll collecting, motorcycles, cooking, shopping, brainstorming, thrift stores, people, and museums. "Interested in F-M TS, pre-op or not, for friendship and possible long term relationship. No cigarets, drugs, or alcohol. Am dependable, hard-working, monogamous R.N. I'm agnostic, you?"

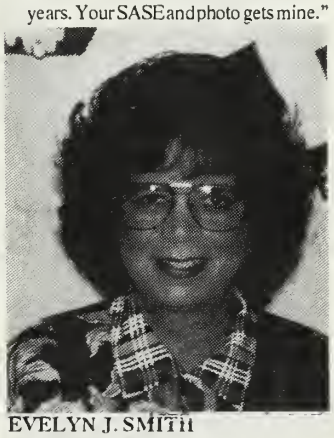
KRIS C.
(C CA-P-M2713-K4340-67)
TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/brown eyes. Sensitive and caring. Love feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Lifelong crossdresser who loves being feminine, especially when wearing dresses. Always open to advice on appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

PATTI PIERCE
(CA-P-M2799-K4649-68)
Member PPOC. Attended California Dreamin' '92. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, amateur radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. Have fun corresponding with others and exchanging experiences and photos. Love pierced ears and earrings. Travel in summer to various CD outings. Out of closet three years, enjoy each new adventure."

SANDI BUELL
(CA-M2989-K5144-65)
MWM, hetero, CD, 60, 5'8", 145. Conservative dresser. Interested in photography, sailing, scuba. "Started dressing at age 12. Still striving to look as naturally feminine as possible. Married 30 years to wonderful woman who helps me select and obtain coordinated outfits, but can't participate. Love all things feminine, especially long, manicured nails, smooth legs, sheer hose, and pretty shoes."



LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-68)
Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."



EVELYN J. SMITH
(CA-P-M2864-K4827-65)
Member ETVC. Attended Fantasia Fair. Pre-op TS, 56, divorced, on hormones 3 yrs. Interested in classical and new age music, readng, photography, travel in North America. "Plan to return to school in fall '92 for an RN degree. Will live full time after graduation in 1994. Interested in correspondence with TSs who had SRS/went full time after age fifty."

CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-P-M2934-K4993-65)
Attended California Dreamin'. 34, 6', hazel eyes. Interested in computers, reading (and writing) TV fiction. "I have started going out en femme to malls and restaurants. Either I pass well, or Californians don't care! Either way, I'm loving discovering who Chelsea is."

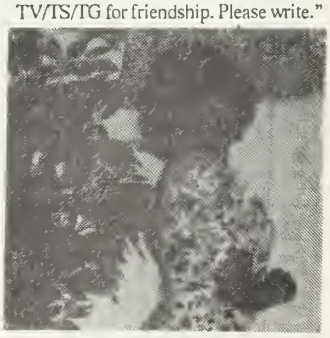
JOLYNN VEIRA
(CA-M3017-K5204-65)
DWM, 49, 5'7", 160, CD since early teens. Interested in art, computers, computer art and animation. "Since the way I prefer and like to dress is not acceptable by society, I have to restrict it to the privacy of my house. I will answer all correspondence."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-65)
Member ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance. 5'8", 160, 14, white TS, single, 42. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "I am a reentry student in engineering and doing well thanks to a new sense of self-esteem, and thanks to support from my bi-gendered sisters and brothers. Although I am hetero oriented, I would enjoy corresponding with anyone from our bi-gendered community."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *GenderFlex* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-NP-M3063-K4877-65)
6', 170, won't admit to over 37 years! Very athletic, MWM, heterosexual. Interested in cycling, anything feminine, spending precious time as Judy. "I'm just learning about myself and am seeking others to correspond with about our world. Wife has seen me dressed, but doesn't have full understanding. Don't bother with sex. Photo OK, but not required. Let's write about us."

JOSEPHINE C.
(APO-SF-P-M3137-K5115-65)
"I'm a black hetero CD, 5'10", 185. Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding to my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Due to the nature of my profession, I cannot. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG for friendship. Please write."



DAINA H.
(CA-P-M3325-K6596-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, California Dreamin' '90. Attractive, passable hetero TV who is extremely feminine in all aspects - voice and mannerism. Loves day time (and night time) outings. Travels extensively.

JENNIFER MICHAELS
(CA-P-M4132-K4879-63)
5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."

CHARLENE HUNTER
(CA-P-M3460-K7122-67)
Member ETVC, Transcare, NZ, NWGA. Attended Coming Together '92, Esprit '92, Dignity Cruise to Alaska, Fantasia Fair '81, '92, Texas T Party '93. MWM TS, 55, 160, 5'11". Enjoy gardening, travel, make some of my clothes. Love to hear from my sisters from the land down under, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Napier. Am a gentle soul. Your photo gets mine.

SALLY ADAMS
(CA-NP-M3517-K7247-67)
MWM, 5'7", 145, nonsmoker, late-50's. Pretty man. Prettier woman. Interested in music, travel, everything feminine. "Raised as Sally pre-school. Dressed at home through high school, whenever possible thereafter. Wife non-supportive. I know no greater joy than being a 'woman by choice.' Love corresponding with sisters."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-67)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

KATRINA REED
(CA-NP-M3677-K7999-68)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Would love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

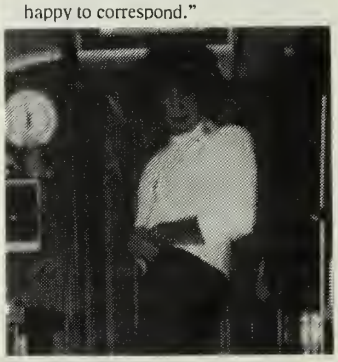
BOBBI B.
(CA-NP-M3693-K8021-68)
Tall, late 50's, accepting non-participating wife. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, sexy, needs social interaction. Loves role-playing/making videos—successful at it. "Let's meet, be social, role-play, maybe make videos together. Great fun/release. Very confidential. LA area."

KAREN TAYLOR
(CA-P-M3697-K8039-65)
27, 5'8", 140, African-Mexican-American-Indian CD with TS tendencies. "Have been dressing since my mom got me started as an infant. Beginning to believe gender-ambiguous/gender-blenders may be the salvation of our planet (i.e., Berdache/healers). Need to hear from any who can help me work this out."

PATSY A.
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-68)
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Want to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs"

REBECCA ELIZABETH B.
(CA-M3793-K2890-68)
SWM, 44, 5'7", 135. Interested in music, movies, books, cooking, stamps, all things feminine. "Still closeted, but wanting to come out. Have been crossdressing since age 9. Now that my daughter is grown and married, time for the true me to emerge. Seeking sisters for support, guidance on my journey."

MARKIE M. CHAMBERS
(CA-M3925-K8437-66)
Member ETVC, RPGA Network, Planetary Society. 6'2", 195, brown hair, blue eyes. Late 20's, M-F TS. Interested in computers, AD & D, reading walking, traveling. "Would be more than happy to correspond."



BECKY FISHER
(CA-P-M4019-K5114-66)
DWM, 6', 178, slim, 14/16, 60's. Interests: Northeast Indians, 17th-19th century sailing ships, photography, travel. "Live as Becky as much as possible (in closet). Would love to correspond with other TVs for girl talk and mutual interests. Quiet, intelligent. Love everything feminine."

SHELLY J.
(CA-M3986-K4156-65)
MWM, 36, 5'9", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy skiing, outdoors. "I am a TV who wants to come out, but need some support. Would like to meet other TVs for private get-togethers until I am passable. Have enjoyed crossdressing in closet all my life. Time for a change. I live in the Sacramento Valley. Please write."

TINA H.
(CA-P-M4104-K-66)
Member SGA. MWM, Bi, 160, 5'9", healthy and in good shape. Interest in photography, fashion, makeup, crossdressing. "Would love to correspond and meet other TVs. Enjoy exchanging photos and life experiences with crossdressing. Been dressing since teen years. Ready to come out of closet and make new friends."

SYDRA LEE
(CA-NP-M4107-K8760-67)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, my own long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently came out. Wow! Please write."

MARY R.
(CA-NP-M4140-K8927-66)
5'1", WM, 49, hazel eyes. "Love to

dance. Appreciate classy crossdressers in forties. Travel by public transportation in SF Bay area. Looking for friends, place to dress, socialize in Marin. Non-smoker."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN
(III-M2180-K2598-65)
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach, President of same. Awards: Miss Femininity, Fantasia Fair, 1990. "M-F transgenderist living as a woman, but not attracted to men. Very active in local gender community. Don't have time to write to pen-pals, but will answer letters concerning our group or other items concerning the gender community and formation of groups elsewhere."

SHARON W.
(III-M3185-K6110-66)
Married hetero, male, 6' tall. "Like reading, travel, horology. Wife is supportive, changing my conception of personality. Learning how to pass. Not there yet."

ALANA A.
(III-P-M3308-K6597-67)
Asian, hetero, CD, 41, 5'9". Interested in all aspects of our wonderful feminine life-style. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Still in closet. Anxious to go public. "Love to meet with, correspond with sincere, discreet CDs in order to enhance our female image. Will answer all letters."

OREGON (970- 979-)

KAREN KROLL
(NW OR-P-M0322-K-67)
Member NWGA, RCGC. Pre-op TS, 50, 5'9", 186, on hormones 3 years, and started to live full-time in '93. "Outgoing and friendly personality. Enjoy meeting and writing to others. Have written articles on TS & CD issues and have taken part in several panel discussions. Changing careers in '93 so I am returning to school fo an MSW in counseling."

KAREN PHILLIPS
(OR-M3158-K5762-66)
5'8", 165, hetero, 10, brown hair and eyes. Divorced. Interested in dressing up, heels, makeup, hair; camping, computers, golf, woodwork. "Just coming out. Want to meet other girls in the area and exchange ideas. Not passable, yet, but with a little practice, I'll be ready. Dying to go out!"

ELLEN SUMMERS
(OR-P-M0382-K1703-64)
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

JAN C.
(OR-M3514-K7221-66)
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut, interested in dressing, easy listening music. "Want to meet other CDs. Travel frequently to Ontario, Quebec and states on I-94, I-5, I-40. Will write all. CD over 50 years. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

RONI LANG
(OR-NP-M3599-K7624-68)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

JILL NICHOLS
(OR-P-M3934-K6325-65)
Member NWGA, Tri-Ess '78-'81. Attended Esprit '91, *Transvestia* cover girl 1985. 5'9", 38, more a be-er than a doer. Interested in cultural events, people, arts. "Have been active for 15 years and really love the CDs I've met. I live remotely and travel out of town for most of my outings. Like to dress for extended periods. Would enjoy meeting CDs creative about what to do and where to go."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-67)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Had several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-67)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

MICHELLE LEE H.
(WA-P-M1446-K1406-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Emerald City, NWGA, Boulton & Park, ETVC. Attended Holiday In Femme, Be All, Esprit, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Dignity Cruise. Interested in cooking, gardening, flowers, golden retrievers, golf, reading, music, shopping, reaching out, and annual Esprit week in the northwest.

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-NP-M2102-K2505-68)
Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'9", 200, 59, TS living full-time. Interested in sewing and design, art, calligraphy, scale model planes, collect dolls and stamps, model railroading. "The wife is a good friend. I enjoy hearing from others and will answer all."

HELEN BOUNDS
(W WA-P-M2688-K4322-65)
"I am a hetero TV who loves the feeling of being fully dressed and feminine. My family is not aware of my interests, personal meetings difficult, but are possible. Love to correspond, trade photos, and hopefully meet. All letters answered."

JANET ANDERSON
(WA-M3322-K6603-66)
6'2", 185, slim. Interested in gardening,

do nothing, eating out, and living like a she/male. Have crossdressed for many years. Would appreciate a woman who could accept and encourage a male to be feminine and have a woman-to-woman and a male-to-woman relationship. Am considering hormones. TV with strong TS tendencies."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-65)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, 50, brown hair and eyes. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, woodworking, computers, and reading. "Go out dressed three or four times a month and pass, day or night. Like to meet other TVs who pass and would like to go out week nights. Like to correspond with others in NW."

GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-67)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

CASSANDRA OWENS
(WA-NP-M3868-K4261-65)
Member Emerald City. Attended Esprit '93. Passable hetero CD, 25, 5'6", 132. "Recently out of the closet and loving it. My interests include movies, music, photography, hi end audio, exploring life as Cassie, and spending time with my girlfriend. Welcome correspondence from other CDs. Sometimes flaky when it comes to writing, but I'll try."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-65)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

EDNA F.
(WA-M3909-K8393-65)
5'9", 49, 130. Interested in history, sports, hairstyling, makeup, and being feminine. "Have just got back into CD after being away for four years. Dressed since I was a teen. Would like to get advice on how to be more feminine, and help in dressing. Would like to go out in public sometime."

ERICA LANG
(WA-M3924-K8438-66)
5'11", 167, hazel eyes, brown hair, 33, married, hetero. Interested in writing and photography. "Just starting out, but been under since age 6. Would love to have many girlfriends.No picture, yet, . . . soon, though. Looking for places to go to meet people in Seattle area. Let's dress!"

STEPHANIE ANN MILLS
(WA-M4001-K8609-66), P O Box 1114, Renton WA 98057-1114
MWM TV, hetero, 42, 5'7", 160. "Lifetime crossdresser, but nonsupportive wife and 2 teenagers keep me in the closet. Working on developing feminine image. Love all things feminine. Educated professional, interested in writing, reading, music, the performing arts. Caring, sincere, sensitive, trusting friend who seeks like-minded CDs for sharing, support."

JAMIE R.
(WA-M4016-K7977-66)
MWM CD, 49, hetero, loving and supportive wife. Interested in outdoor activities, boating, cooking and computers. "Love crossdressing, especially nylons and lingerie. Would like to correspond and possibly meet with married couples with similar interests. Lke to improve femme image. Discretion a must."

ALASKA (995- 999-)

DONNA S.
(AK-M2247-K2739-66)
Member Tri-Ess. TV, 5'9", 36, 140. "Enjoy dancing, pool, socializing, and shopping as a woman. Enjoy mini skirts to show off my figure. Answer all letters."

NORA JEAN YORK
(AK-P-M1425-K1744-66)
Member Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Representatives. Participant Coronations '89, '90, '92. Berdache Princess 1992. "Enjoy being feminine, cooking, sewing, mnt. biking, home computer, cam-cording. Collect music cassettes / CDs, Marilyn Monroe plates, and Wizard of Oz memorabilia."

MIKKI T.
(AK-M2420-K3332-66)
Member Berdache Society. 40, divorced, TS, 6', brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in computers, BBSing, mail. "Am a computer enthusiast wishing to correspond with others via BBS or mail. Believe the time is right for all to come out of the closet and stand up for our rights."

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-67)
Member Berdache Society. Attended Alaska Coronation '92. WHM, 50, hetero, supportive wife, children grown and gone. 5'5", 140. Interested in computers, art, music, flying and being feminine. "Like to spend all my free time as a woman, go out dressed a lot. Try to promote Berdache Society. For those interested in this uniquely Alaskan group, write me."

CANADA

MINA C.
(QUE CAN-M2955-K5063-65)
6', 170, TV, with very supportive wife. "Our interests are varied. We travel frequently. We enjoy fantasy development and role playing as part of our 'Rituals of Belonging.' Although I am passable, we are looking for methods to further increase my femininity. Interested in couples/select individuals to share aspirations. Discretion expected and assured."

YVETTE DUCHARME
(CAN-P-M1632-K1806-66)
Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, '92. Board member, Outreach Institute. Post-op. 5'11", 175, Single. Fortyish. Living alone. Interests: Femme things, fashion, makeup, travel, reading, listening to Big Band music, walking, movies. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My personality is classical type. Like to correspond, form new friendships, and help others."

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-66)
Member of Toronto CDC, Gender Mosaic, Ottawa. Hetero TV, 47, married with family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and motor yachting. "Robyn has found herself! She loves to shop and dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to New York, Ottawa, Toronto, other cities. Maybe we can get together sometime. Photo appreciated."

SANDY C.
(CAN-P-M2608-K3822-66)
Member of CDC, Gender Mosaic, MSC. Attended Be All '91, '92, TMS Coronation '90, '92. 39, 5'11", supportive wife

and daughters. Enjoy socializing with couples and families, dining in or out, especially with a bottle of good wine. Love life and femininity, from high heels to walks in the woods."

CHRISTINE B.
(BC CAN-M2474-K3498-67)
Pre-op TS, 43, single. "Been cross-living full-time for a year-and-a-half. Active in the Vancouver TS community. For the past year I have been working in the area of gender change employability issues. Also a founding director of the Zenith Foundation, a non-profit society for those suffering gender dysphoria seeking info on employment."

STACEY M.
(CAN-NP-M2740-K4423-67)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "Consider myself a dresser, not cross. Stacey is an embellishment to my male role. I'm very open and public. Passing not an issue. Presentability and decorum important. Using dressing for personal growth of self."

GABRIELLE P.
(ON CAN-M2918-K4997-69)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-66)
Attended Fantasia Fair '92. Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 41. Interested in books, stockings, and computers. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my legs. Just had my first trip to the US where I spent most of my time as Karen. Hope to repeat soon."

MICHELLE JOHNSON
(CAN-P-M3165-K1754-66)
Member Cornbury, Emerald City, NWGA. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, mid 40's. Enjoy people photography, music and singing. "Love being a well dressed girl and being involved in mainstream activities. Go out regularly day time or night time. My first airplane trip was fun. Tolerant, supportive wife."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-66)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-NP-M3385-K6790-67)
Married, hetero, supportive wife, 27, passable, love to go out as a female. Interested in writing, shopping, and helping others. "Married in 1990 en femme, written book about experience, and produced a video helping other sisters with makeup and showing my entire wardrobe. Would love to hear from other sisters who are in need of a friend and love to write."

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN-NP-M3502-K7186-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93. W pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 175, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Shy. Seek long term relationship with F-M or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Forming TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

ROXANNE VAN NESS
(CAN-NP-M3711-K8050-65)
SWM, hetero, 46, 5'10", 165, 12, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in creative writing; sketching; photography; music; movies (esp. Disney); reading; sports; and things feminine. "CD since 1990, after a lapse of twenty years. Not beautiful, per se, but attractive with proper grooming. Wish to correspond with caring girlfriends for guidance with feminine evolution. Letters and photos, please."

KRIS MARTIN
(CAN-M3985-K1055-65)
38, 5'11", long time CD. Interested in music, skiing, hiking, travel. "Would love to corresponed and meet other crossdressers. Live in the Vancouver-Surrey area, British Columbia."

MICHELLE M.
(CAN-M4170-K9094-67)
Member Illusions Social Club, Calgary, Alberta. Won awards in hockey, skiing. 5'8", 150, red hair, blue eyes, great legs. Tight, trim body due to sports. Interested in reading, music, flowers, sports, snow skiing, hockey, etc.

MEXICO

LAURA MORENO
(MEX-P-M2670-K4260-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair '91. Separated WM, 41, 5'10", 140, brown hair and eyes. Interested in music, reading cooking photo, people. "Lifelong CD, passable at times (too tall for a Mexican girl). Still trying to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City for mutual support. Where are you my Mexican or Latin people?"

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOTLAND-NP-M2791-K4526-68)
Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero TG, divorced, 62 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt*. A conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns, I pass well and go everywhere dressed. Love helping other genderists, hearing from sisters abroad."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENGLAND-P-M3191-K6155-66)
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe

crossdressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-68)
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GERMANY-P-M3050-K5626-65)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, reddish brown hair, almost passable. Interested in photography, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling. "I enjoy any opportunity to be Yvonne. I like fine lingerie, ladylike clothing, pretty shoes, and perfect makeup. Wife does tolerate, but is not supportive. Have been dressed up many times in public. Would like to correspond with sisters in Europe and in the USA."

HANNAH SUSANNE VOLKERS
(GERMANY-NP-M4240-K9529-67)
Hetero CD, 6'1", slim, fit, 35, one daughter. "Love to be feminine and alive. Enjoy meeting women & friends who understand. Plan to go out dressed after cosmetic surgery (electrolysis for about a year) & hope to pass well. Looking for contacts with other CDs. Would like to correspond, share feelings and experiences. Photo would be nice."

JENNY SAND
(NORWAY-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

EVA K.
(GERMANY-M3749-K8211-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-65)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

JAPAN

JOYCE DIANE CHAMPION
(JAPAN-NP-M3272-6417-67)
US citizen. 5'8", 150, 32, TV/TS that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humorous, intelligent, provocative conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou frou. I love bringing the fem illusion to life through modeling for photo sessions. Musician/writer. I respond quickly and as directed for security. Expect same. Photos welcome. Return to the States early '94."

JOAN C.
(JAPAN-M3083-K5700-65)
Black, heterosexual, TV, 5'10", 185. "Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding of my need to crossdress. Am very shy, and would love to come out of the closet, but the nature of my profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS. Please write."

HONG KONG

ROSEMARY LANGTON
(HONG KONG-NP-M1792-1949-67)
Member Seahorse, NSW, Beaumont Society, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM 61. Interested in Victorian, Japanese, little girls' clothing & maternity, dressmaking, meeting TVs, and correspondence. "Lifelong dedicated TV. Dual life since I came out in 1961. Spouse, adult family accept. Pass. Retired, live partially inUK, Australia, Hong Kong."

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by Christine Beatty

Women's Clothes

This is all the fault of publishers
of sexy magazines that print
those reader's letters of every
kink in the rainbow for me
but why was it women's clothes?

Those letters talked of being bi
and spanking and scat
and peeing and fisting
and showers and cornholing
and dogs and sheep
and gerbils and whips and chains
and rubber
and nylon and lace
and plastic and incest
and outcest and
let's not forget transvestism
but of all this smorgasbord of sex
why did it have to be women's
clothes?

And when the urge was
much too much
and it wouldn't go away
I knew I wouldn't rest
until I had my very own
bra and panty set,
but no way could I face
the fear of buying them
from some department store
and so I stole them from
a laundromat and don't
ask me why that was any easier
or why it was women's clothes.

And eventually I lost
my fear of going in stores
and did that ever get me so that
sooner than later
I no longer cared
enough to make up stories
about how this stuff
that I was buying
was for my girlfriend
but I still couldn't help but wonder
just why was it women's clothes.

I crossdressed in my closet for
five years maybe more
until I found myself
downtown in a bar that
seemed so strange and I
saw my first transsexual
and not college nor marriage
nor drugs nor dressing up
would erase what I had seen
and I soon found myself
back in that bar
in full face and a wig
and a beige chiffon dress and
wondering why was it now
more than just women's clothes.

And not even a year later there I was
with a syringe of estrogen
getting pumped into my cheek
and having my beard
removed so painfully
and living my life as a woman
and let's not forget
being a whore and shooting drugs
to stand the pain
of this bizarre odyssey
and cursing
oh why could it not have stayed
at wearing women's clothes.

And as the trip wore on and on
it began to seem less strange
and soon this life
became so normal
that I left the dope behind
and swapped hooking
for a yuppie job
so I could afford
the surgery I wanted
and who would have thought
that first lingerie
would have led
to that doctor's table
in downtown Tijuana where
I paid to have my balls cut off
and now it's obvious to me that
it wasn't just women's clothes.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

by Holly Cross, et al.

A REVIEW OF *MISERY LOVES COMPANY* BY CHRISTINE BEATTY, AVAILABLE FROM GLAMAZON PRESS, P O Box 423602, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94142 FOR $8.50 INCLUDING POSTAGE AND HANDLING (70 pages)

This is a modest book at a modest price. It is a semi-autobiographic collection of poetry and prose. Most of what the writing is about is outside my experience. I never got into chemicals other than some narcotics in Army hospitals and alcoholic liquors, both foreign and domestic.

Ms. Beatty is a new woman, apparently a badly used new woman. There are more miles on her than someone her age should have. I understand the gender dysphoria aspects, but the booze or PCP or whatever don't seem to have spoken to me as endearingly as they did to her. Christine Beatty has been a prostitute and has lived in San Francisco's Tenderloin district for over eight years. She no longer works as a hooker, but she is still in touch with her former colleagues. Some of the book is her experience, some theirs, some a little of both.

We have taken the liberty of printing two poems from the book. They are copyright 1993 by Christine Beatty, all rights reserved, printed here by the permission of the author.

Christine Beatty has been published in numerous publications and is currently developing a novel about a romance between a transsexual junkie steetwalker and a lesbian alcoholic stripper.

Why Can't we Be Normal?

I had hoped that you would
save me from myself
a pervert too awful to consider
for any kind of lasting love
and how I cried to you
on your Berkeley bed
under the influence of more MDA
than I care to recall
and confessed the sins of days gone by
of dressing up in women's clothes
and fantasies of even worse
I sobbed my shame to you
and threw myself upon your mercy
and you asked with hesitation
did I not want to do that anymore
and I told you no and so you said
I love you anyway
and I cried again, in gratitude
I love you Gretchen Anne,
make me complete
make me a normal man
and oh you tried, I know.

You were so glad to find me
a normal dude, or so you hoped,
to make you the woman
you needed a man to be
because a complete woman, of course,
has her man and I was it for you
so I placed my manhood
within your custody
by marrying you in spite
of grave reservation
'cause I wanted to be normal
and I was torn
in so many directions because
I wanted you to
dress me in your clothes
but I didn't and
I wanted you to
tie me to the bed
but you couldn't
'cause you needed
to be normal too.

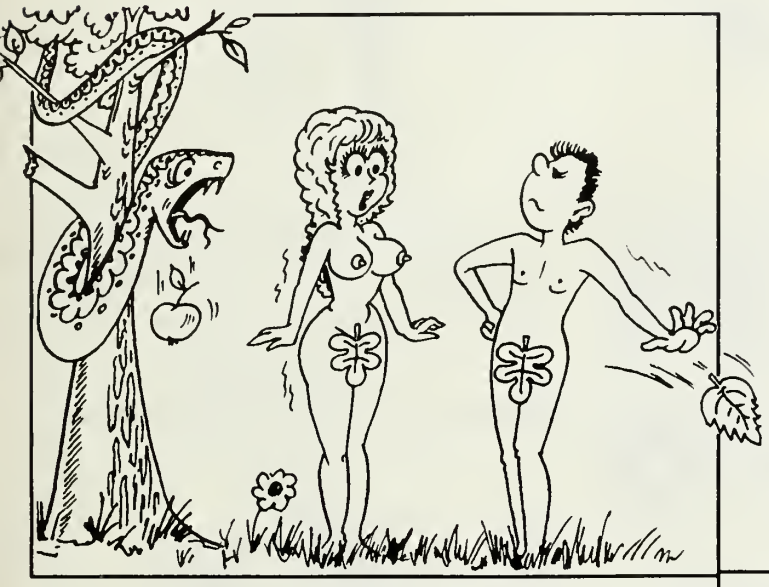
Artwork Credit: Nola Van Della

Pray to God that
no one finds your
husband of seven months
going into a
Tenderloin drag bar
in full face and a dress
and letting the barkeep
take him home and fuck him
just to see if that way
might somehow appeal to him
and weren't you so relieved
when I came home that night
looking like my normal self
until the Exotic Erotic Ball
two months later
until *After Dark* came to town
until I saw *Before Stonewall*
until I met Queen Dorene
until I left you for the Tenderloin
to become the woman I finally
knew myself to be
and you cried that day I told you
I was leaving you for good
Oh why can't we be normal?

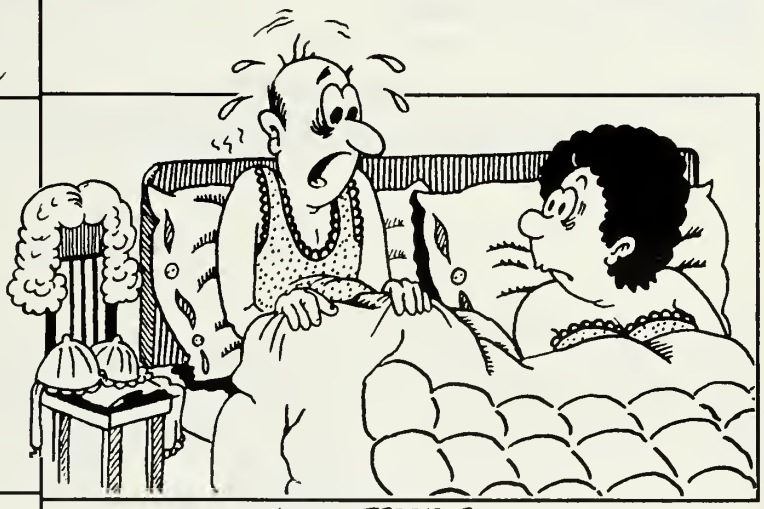
Humor

Cartoon Glasnost

From The *Former* USSR by Yuri Kumykov



"Are you a. . . CROSSDRESSER Adam ?!"



I had a TERRIBLE dream!
I went out of the house for a walk in my MALE clothes"

"It is WONDERFUL, Edward that you changed your sex.
Now we can devote all our rights to reading books!"

Yuri

and more HUMOR from yet another foreign country. . . LOS ANGELES

by Nancy Wilson

WOW, SOME FOLKS REALLY FREAK OUT AT THE SIGHT OF A PAIR OF CROSSDRESSERS!

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26-29: 2nd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employ-ment Policy, Houston, Texas USA
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South Eastern Regional Conference, Inc., P O Box 33296, Decatur GA 30033

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Mardi Gras, Monarch Social Club, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario CANADA L5A 3A1 Telephone (416) 949-6602

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15-25: 19th Annual Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, MA USA
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21-23: Bi-Annual Meeting, Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, New York, NY USA
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28-31: Fall Harvest '93 Weekend, Kansas City, Missouri USA
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MARCH, 1994

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7-14: EuroFantasia, Ebeltoft, Denmark
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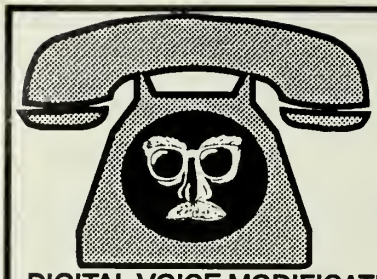

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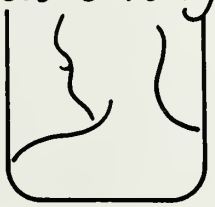

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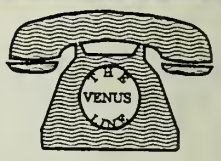

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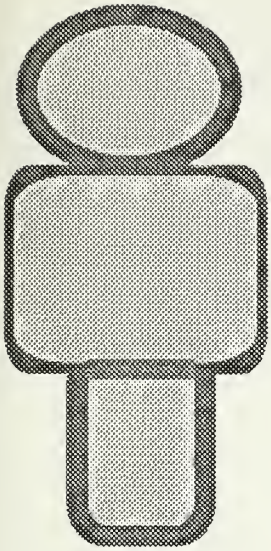


CD No.

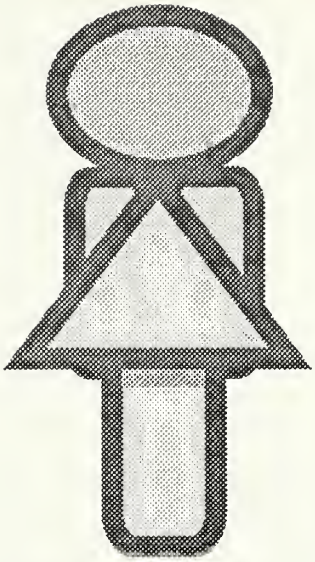
TS Hormones.

SO Yes, a lot of communication is essential, though.

TG Electrolosis is the only proven method of permanent hair removal.

FTM Yes, they may go bald, too.

HIS In 1953 she first returned from Denmark.



CD In most jurisdictions it is not illegal just to crossdress.

TS Yes, Hormone therapy is required to maintain the proper levels.

SO No, crossdressing usually does not affect one's sexual orientation.

TG No, many individuals live transgendered lifestyles full-time.

FTM False. Approximately 25% to 40% of SRS procedures are FTM.

HIS Joan of Arc, for one.

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CD No, only a small fraction of people who crossdress are TS.

TS No, they don't have primary sexual characteristics necessary.

SO Betrayal.

TG The behavior is irreversible by psychological methods.

FTM Yes, there are several surgical techniques for making this possible.

HIS Billy Tipton.

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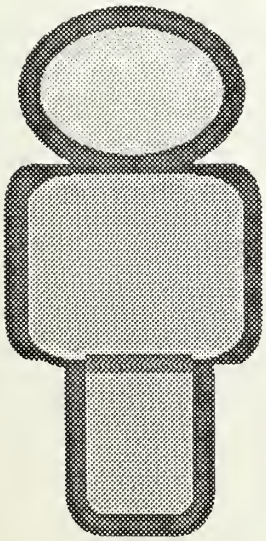


CD No, the vast majority of crossdressers are heterosexual.

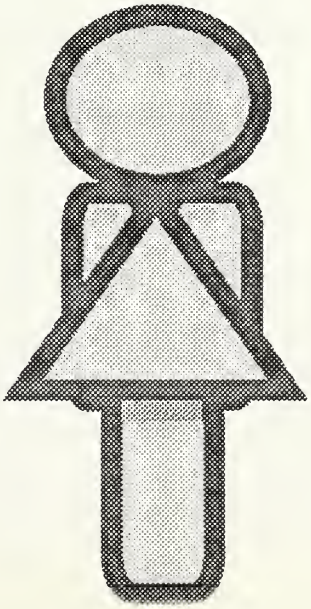
TS Changing one's gender is not grounds for dismissal.

SO There is no connection between dressing and sexual orientation.

TG No, it is a natural behavior.

FTM False, there is a record of women dressing as men for ages.

HIS Richard Raskind.



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- TS — Ogen and Estrace are brand names of what?
- SO — Can crossdressers have successful marriages?
- TG — How can a person remove facial hair permanently?
- FTM — Can Female-to-Male TSs grow beards?
- HIS — What year did Christine Jorgensen have her famous surgery?

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- CD — Do most crossdressers want to change their sex?
- TS — Can Post-Operatives become natural parents?
- SO — What most common feeling does a spouse have when told of
- TG — Can adult transgendered behavior be cured?
- FTM — Can New Men have intercourse?
- HIS — What Jazz bandleader was transgendered, living as a man?

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- CD — Is it illegal to crossdress?
- TS — Do you need hormones after SRS?
- SO — Is a crossdressing partner a latent homosexual?
- TG — Must you be transsexual to live full-time as a
- FTM — True or false: A small % of SRS is female-to-male.
- HIS — Name three factors affecting core identity.

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- CD — Are most Crossdressers gay?
- TS — Can an employer fire you for transitioning on the job?
- SO — Does making love to a CD husband make one a lesbian?
- TG — Is TG behavior symptomatic of mental
- FTM — True or False: Only genetic males can
- HIS — What professional tennis player had a sex change?